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	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
*Past National Member Executive Board.....	Frederica Philpot
	Dubuque, Ia.

Past Department Presidents.

†Mattie Dawson Burbage.....	1884-85
‡Hattie E. Marshall.....	1885-86
‡Clara E. Nichols (transferred to Oklahoma).....	1886-87
‡Mary Sears McHenry.....	1887-88
Myra E. Hankey (transferred to Illinois) Lakefield, Minn.....	1888-89
Lottie D. Ley.....	1889-90
Seraphine H. Osgood, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.....	1890-91
‡Clara Nichols.....	1891-92
Sara L. Rothrock, Sour Lake, Tex.....	1892-93
‡E. Flora Evans, died August 8, 1911.....	1893-4-5
Helen R. Griffith, Cedar Falls, Ia.....	1895-6-97
†Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Ia.....	1897-98-99
Lizzie S. Hutchison, Lake City, Ia.....	1899-1900
*Christine Snyder Romans, Denison, Ia.....	1900-01
Georgia B. Worker, Davenport, Ia.....	1901-02
*Mira L. Parker, Des Moines, Ia.....	1902-03
‡Amanda Tisdell (transferred from Nebraska).....	
†Jennie I. Berry, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	1903-04
†Frederica Philpot, 419 Bluff Street, Dubuque, Ia.....	1904-05
‡Eleanor J. Hawks, died February 27, 1913, Colfax, Ia.....	1905-06
†Addie E. Unanet, 19 Walling Court, Davenport, Ia.....	1906-07
†Estella E. Plopper, Iowa Falls, Ia.....	1907-08
*Lena T. Ring, 1540 Washington Avenue, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	1908-09
†Marie L. Basham, 803 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, Ia.....	1909-10
‡Jennie Whedon, died August 21, 1913, Winterset, Ia.....	1910-11
*Ray M. Hanchett, Waverly, Ia.....	1911-12
*Sarah A. Fox, Muscatine, Ia.....	1912-13
Janette Todd (transferred from California and Nevada) Marshalltown, Ia.....	
Mattie E. Witter, Council Bluffs.....	1913-14

Past Department Secretaries.

Maggie Monroe Rudisell, White Oaks, New Mexico.....	1884-85 86-87
Hannah R. Plimpton, 6045 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Ill.....	1887-88
Emma E. Buchanan.....	1888-89
Hannah R. Plimpton, Chicago, Ill.....	1889-90
Mary M. Welsh, Aurora, Ill.....	1890-91
Nannie B. Howe, Des Moines, Ia.....	1891-92
Senie R. Bye, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	1892-93
†Althea O. Conable, Clinton, Ia.....	1893-94 95

Florence Griffith Walters, Cedar Falls, Ia.....	1895-96-97
Helen R. Griffith, Cedar Falls, Ia.....	1897-98
Agnes Muir, Denison, Ia.....	1898-99
†Georgie Wade McClellan, Denison, Ia.....	1899-1900-01
June Allen Concannon, Davenport, Ia.....	1901-02
Sarah A. Windsor, 669 W. Twentieth Street, Des Moines, Ia.....	1902-03
Kathrine Farmer, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	1903-04
Nellie P. Woodruff, Fairbault, Minn.....	1904-05
Nellie H. Witmer, Newton, Ia.....	1905-06
Maria Roraback, St. George, Ga.....	1906-07
*Clara Carpenter, Iowa Falls, Ia.....	1907-08
*Lydia W. Nott, Marion, Ia.....	1908-09
*Alcena Markle, Des Moines, Ia.....	1909-10
Rettie M. Greer, Winterset, Ia.....	1910-11
*Emma J. Gould (transferred from Idaho) Marshalltown, Ia.....	
*Kate Hanchett, Waverly, Ia.....	1911-12
*Sue Stanwood, Muscatine, Ia.....	1912-13
†Alice Cooper, Council Bluffs, Ia.....	1913-14

Past Department Treasurers.

Mattie Allen, Agency, Ia.....	1884-85-86
Emily McCord, Des Moines, Ia.....	1886-87
†Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Ia.....	1887-88
†Fannie Dorrance	1888-89
†Mary Sears McHenry.....	1889-90
Augusta L. Cozier, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.....	1890-91-92
Laura Creighton, Phoenix, Ariz.....	1892 93-94
Nannie B. Howe, Des Moines, Ia.....	1894-95
Helen E. Longley, Vicksburg, Miss.....	1895-96-97
*Kate Hanchett, Waverly, Ia.....	1897-98-99
†Mira L. Parker, Des Moines, Ia.....	1899 1900-01
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Jennie H. Trout, Des Moines, Ia.....	1905-06-07
Lenna C. Leaming, Deer Lodge, Mont.....	1907-08-09
Jessie McKay, Decorah, Ia.....	1909-10-11
*Mira O. McFarland, Chariton, Ia.....	1911-12-13
†Cornelia T. Dodd, Algona, Ia.....	1913-14

Corps Presidents, Past Presidents and Representatives by Election

JEWETT CORPS NO. 2, NEVINVILLE.

Organized December 31, 1883.

Alice Gissible President

Past Presidents.

†Nancy Jewett	1884-85
Mary Beebe	1886
Clara Delaney	1887
Mary E. Beebe (transferred)	1888
Alma A. Austin (transferred)	1889-90
Mary E. Beebe	1891-92
Alma A. Austin	1893-94
Maria J. Cox	1895
†Agnes Miner	1896
May L. Buell (transferred)	1897-98-99
Laura Foster (transferred)	1900
§Minnie E. Ross	1901-02-03
†Agnes J. Miner	1904
Minnie E. Ross (transferred)	1905-06
Emma Patterson	1907-08-09
Alice Martin	1910-11
Alice Williamson	1912
Elma Truman	1913
Clara Seeley	Delegate
Lucy Taylor	Alternate

GARRETT CORPS NO. 3, NEWTON.

Organized December 7, 1883

Kate Keith President

Past Presidents.

†Margaret Carns	1884-85
†Cornelia Meyers	1886
†Anna Patterson	1887-88
Ella M. Townsend	1889-90
Lucretia Lester	1891
Delia B. Meredith	1892
Louise E. Williams	1893
Mary Bowker	1894
†Cynthia Cross	1895
†Sarah J. Wilson	1896

‡Martha E. Miller	1897
Lucy E. Failor	1898
‡Harriett C. Burns	1899
Mary E. Battles	1900-01-02
‡Anna M. Patterson	1903
Sarah A. Hall	1904
Nellie Hawk Witmer	1905
‡Martha A. Warner	1906
Mary A. Reynolds	1907
Mary C. Engle (transferred)	1908
Hattie Reynolds	1909
Alice Preston	1910
Emma Bates	1911
Katherine Drew	1912
Anna Lattimer	1913
*Katherine Drew	Delegate
*Emma Bates	Delegate
Hattie Reynolds	Alternate
Rachel Frizell	Alternate

BEN PAUL CORPS NO. 4, WYOMING.

Organized December 14, 1883.

*Mary A. Brown	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Hattie E. Marshall	1884-85-86-87-88-89
Cynthia E. McDaniel	1890
Alice A. Loomis	1891-92-93-94-95
Isabel Smith (transferred)	1899-1900
§Alice A. Loomis	1901-02-03
Eliza Morse	1904
Edith Marshall	1905
Eugenia Hepler (transferred)	1906-07
Mary A. Brown	1908
Janet Robertson	1909
Mary A. Brown	1910-1911-12-13
*Mary Platner	Delegate
Mary Smith	Alternate

E. D. DUNCAN CORPS NO. 5, COLFAX.

Organized April 16, 1884.

Nettie Cragan	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Emma J. Fields	1884-85
Nettie Cragan	1886-87-88
§Anna Slavens	1889-90
‡Eleanor J. Hawk	1891-92
Rebecca Stephenson	1893
Nettie Cragan	1894-95

\$Mary S. Croselius.....	1896
Phoebe L. Pope.....	1897
Sarah King	1898
†Illa S. Meyer.....	1899-1900
†Eleanor J. Hawk.....	1901-02-03
Hattie Owens	1904
Adelia V. Weaver.....	1905-06
Elizabeth Stayner	1907
†Eleanor J. Hawk.....	1908-09-10-11-12
Nettie Cragan	1913
*Celina Campbell	Delegate
Alice Rorabaugh	Alternate

GORDON GRANGER CORPS NO. 6, GRINNELL.

Organized April 16, 1884.

Mary O. Morris.....	President
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Past Presidents.

†Sarah E. Inman.....	1884
§Belle D. Onthank.....	1885
Hannah M. Gue.....	1886-87
†Susie C. Day.....	1888
†Elvira M. Seaman.....	1889
Mary E. V. Gage (transferred).....	1890-91
§Belle Wheeler	1892
Tillie Allen	1893
Hannah M. Gue.....	1894-95
Emily E. Davis.....	1896-97
§Cynthia Cross	1898
Hannah M. Gue.....	1899-1900-01-02
Susan Bortell	1903-04
Mary E. V. Gage.....	1905-06-07
Sarah O. Davis.....	1908
Sarah Campbell	1909
Nancy E. Barr.....	1910
†Sarah A. Laros.....	1911-12
Lina Chapin	1913
Funice Bryan	Delegate
Theressa Stowe	Alternate

COTRELL CORPS NO. 7, HULL.

Organized February 19, 1884.

Margaret Brown	President
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Past Presidents.

†Mattie J. Gardiner.....	1884-85
†P. S. Zimmerman.....	1886
†Mattie J. Gardiner.....	1887
†Clara D. Rombaugh.....	1888-89
§Sarah Harrington	1890-91

Adelaide A. Ballard	1892
§Myra Hollister	1893-54
Maggie Brown	1895
Lizzie Swafford (transferred No. 147)	1896
Mary Newell	1897
Cena B. Tamplin	1898
§Carrie George	1899
Mary Beckman	1900-01
†Mary Lee Sawyer	1902
Mary Beckman	1903
Luna E. Still	1904
Mary Beckman (transferred to Dept. Oregon)	1905
Anna M. Kloek (transferred to No. 87)	1906-07
Dessie Warren	1908
Mary Beckman	1909
Mary M. Lickle (transferred to Dept. Oregon)	1910
Luna Still	1911
Ella Mackie	1912
Margaret Brown	1913
*Ada M. Fox	Delegate
Nellie Merrill	Alternate

FRANK M. THOMAS CORPS NO. 9, MARSHALLTOWN.

Organized August 13, 1884.

Mande Troutner	President
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Past Presidents.

§Laura J. Cope	1884-85
Harriett L. Sutton	1886
†Anna M. Brown	1887
§Mattie A. Tobey	1888
§Anna M. Brock	1889
†Alice Reed	1890-91
Mattie A. Tobey (transferred)	1892
Lillian Norton	1893
Christine Patterson	1894
†Ellen Waas	1895
†Alice C. Reed	1896
E Jennie Smith	1897
Harriet Sutton	1898
Celia M. White	1899
†Alice C. Reed	1900-01
Louise Johnson	1902-03
†Dr. Rose Liebig	1904-05-06
Ada Harris	1907
Helen Anderson	1908
Louise Johnson	1909
Clarissa Bigelow	1910
Nellie LaShelle (transferred to No. 19)	1911-12
Maude Troutner	1913
†Cloe E. Cole	(transferred from No. 108)
§Clara Swartz	(transferred from No. 120)

Ella Shoof	.....	(transferred from No. 234)
Margerine Archer	.....	(transferred from No. 194)
Evangeline Hambleton	.....	(transferred from No. 275)
Embiazia Leon	.....	(transferred from No. 275)
Lou Mitchell	.....	(transferred from Dept. of Oh'o)
*Ada Harris	.....	Delegate
Lila Hull	.....	Alternate

GEN. N. B. BAKER CORPS NO. 10, CLINTON.

Organized July 7, 1884.

Martha White	President
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Past Presidents.

†Mary Garard	1884
†Emma Bulen	1885
†Clara U. S. Hart	1886
†Emma Bulen	1887
§Mary Drake	.....	1888
‡E. Flora Evans	.....	1889-90
†Emma Bulen	.....	1891
‡E. Flora Evans	.....	1892
‡Josephine Strohm	.....	1893
‡Angeline Rumery	.....	1894
§E. Powers	.....	1895
Mary Leslie	.....	1896
Mary Piper	.....	1897
Jennie Sutherland	.....	1898
Mary Hill	.....	1899
Eliza Cavilier	.....	1900
Georgia Lea	.....	1901
Margaret Pingle	.....	1902
Millie Rickoff	.....	1903
Georgia Lea	.....	1904
Emma Inman	.....	1905
Millie Rickoff	.....	1906
Emily Clark	.....	1907-08-09
Frances Aldrich	.....	1910
Harriet Davis	.....	1911
Georgia Lea	.....	1912
Carrie Davidson	.....	1913
*Effie Graffe	.....	Delegate
Mrs. Machel	.....	Alternate

T. Z. COOK CORPS NO. 11, CEDAR RAPIDS.

Organized September 23, 1884.

Nettie M. Anderson	President
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Past Presidents.

§Olive Hart	1884
Lou McConahy	1885-86-87

§Sarah Dean	1888
Rebecca Spealman	1889-90
Sarah L. Rothrock	1891
Senie R. Bye	1892
Mary A. Lane	1893-94
Alice E. Tiffany	1895
Etta C. Jones	1896-97
†Jennie I. Berry	1898-99-1900-01
§Lou McPike	1902
Almina Guy	1903
*Hannah Goodwin	1904
Lucy Harmer	1905-06
Martha Coggeshell	1907-08-09
Katherine Farmer	1910
Myra L. Clark	1911
Lulu Richmond	(transferred from No. 182, Dept. Illinois)
Fannie L. Blazer	(Transferred from Dept. Illinois)
Lulu Richmond	(transferred from Dept. Illinois)
Minnie Sweet Skinner	(transferred from No. 15)
Frances L. Bl'iss	(transferred from No. 73)
†Lena T. Ring	(transferred from No. 73)
*Laura Belle Walker	1912
Emma Smith	(transferred from No. 126)
Anna A. Lilly	1913
*Anna A. Lilly	Delegate
*Nettie M. Anderson	Delegate
Dora Dewey	Delega e
Lizzie Snyder	Alternate
Hattie Hogan	Alternate
Mary I. Richards	Alternate

J. C. MILLER CORPS NO. 12, BOONE.

Organized October 13, 1884.

Bessie Wenihart	President
Past Presidents.	

*Mary J. Smith	1884-85
§Mary Simpson	1886
†Lucy Coe	1887-88
Susie L. Newcomb	1889-90
†Mary Moore	1891
Harriet S. Bell (transferred)	1892
†Lucy M. Coe	1893
Nettie Ballinger	1894
Mary E. Sargent	1895-96
†Sarah Patrick	1897
†Mary Moore	1898
§Arminda Bixby	1899-1900
Mary E. Sargent	1901-02
Celia Rogers	1903
Bertha Patrick	1904-05
Sadie Epple (transferred from No. 18)	1906

Carrie Zanderholm	1907
§Elizabeth Yeager	1908
*Anna Wilcox	1909
Dorothy Sargent	1910
Bertha Patrick	1911
Adeline White	1912
Fannie Rose	1913
*Celia Rogers	Delegate
Nettie Ballenger	Alternate

BRADEN CORPS NO. 14, PARKERSBURG.

Organized December 2, 1884.

*Mate Ferguson	President
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Past Presidents.

§Phebe Wade	1884-85-86-87
Mary Hazard (transferred to No. 27)	1888-89
Marintha Mack (transferred to Illinois)	1890
†Hattie Byerly	1891
Lucy Moore (transferred to California)	1892
Hattie Byerly	1893
Rose F. Archer (transferred)	1894
Barbara Kemerer (transferred to Oklahoma)	1895
Rose F. Archer	1896-97
Lu L. Schrack	1898-99-1900-01
Rose F. Archer	1902
§Retta Kaufman	1903
Mattie Meed	1904-05
*Lu L. Schrack	1906-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
Anna Bush	Delegate
Gertrude Poldeboer	Alternate

ROBERT ANDERSON CORPS NO. 15, WATERLOO.

Organized December 18, 1884.

†Anna M. Kistner	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Nancy A. Hafer	1885-86
Margaret Salisbury (transferred)	1887
‡Lydia LaBarre	1888
§Emma A. Whitenack	1889-90
§Elizabeth Stair	1891-92
‡Nancy A. Hafer	1892-93
Charlotte E. Morgan (transferred to No. 153)	1894-95
Ella Bronson	1896
Minnie Sweet (transferred to No. 11)	1897
*Carrie M. Johnston	1898-99-1900-01
Julia M. White	1902
*Belle Julian	1903
Sarah Darlin	1904

Amelia Wyeth	1905
Anna M. Kistner	1906
Mary Kerr (transferred to Dept. Washington)	1907
Carrie M. Johnston	1908
Julia Kerr	1909
Carrie Johnston	1910
Olive Stevens	1911-12
*†Anna M. Kistner	1913
*Eliza Munion	Delegate
*Charlotte Duke	Delegate
Lillian Norris	Alternate
Florence Dunkleburg	Alternate

ISEMINGER CORPS NO. 17, CHARITON.

Organized April 16, 1885.

Sadie Householder	President
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Past Presidents.

Jessie W. Manning	1885
†Alice Mitchell	1886-87-88
§Alice Bradick	1899-90
§Maggie Austin	1891-92
Emma Larimer	1893
‡H. M. Parmenter	1894-95-96
Nancy Clapp	1897-98-99
‡H. M. Parmenter	1900-01
*Ida M. Smythe	1902-03-04
‡Jennie Andrews	1905
†Mira O. McFarland	1906-07
Alice Becker	1908-09
‡Jennie Andrew	1910-11
Mary M. Graham	1912
*Sadie Householder	1913
*Alice Becker	Delegate
*Mina Larimer	Delegate

W. C. CROOKS CORPS NO. 18, BOONE.

Organized January 30, 1885.

Elizabeth Reese	President
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Past Presidents.

Ruby Rhodes	1885
†Mary A. McNeal	1886-87-88-89-90
Jenn'e Mann	1891
Lavina Black	1892
Elizabeth Reese	1893
Mary A. McNeal	1894-95
Matilda J. Backus	1896-97
§Anna L. Bowen	1898
Amanda Swick	1899-1900

Elizabeth Reese	1901-02
Ella Campbell	1903
Amanda Swick	1904
Matilda Buckus	1905
Rebecca S. Hill	1906
Hennie Anderson	1907
Lavina Black	1908
Amanda Swick	1909
Estelle Stout	1910-11
Harriet Bell	(transferred from No. 12)
Sadie Eppel	(transferred from No. 12)
Amanda Swick	1912
*Maude E. Hill	1913
Maude E. Hill	Delegate
Rebecca Hill	Alternate

E. C. BUCKNER CORPS NO. 19, ELDORA.

Organized January 26, 1885.

Etta Schweizer	President
Past Presidents.	

†Sarah L. McCoy	1885
§Lulu J. Smith	1886
§M. J. Weaver	1887-88
†Sarah Peyton	1899
§Amanda Doren	1890
†Carrie Harris	1891
Aggie Meader	1892
Emma Philips	1893
§Mary J. Weaver	1894-95-96-97-98-99-1900
Emma E. Phillips	1901
Florence Nelson	1902-03
Marie Anderson	1904-05
Abigail Runkle	1906
Clara Fisher	1907
Florence Nelson	1908
Agnes Collins	1909
Clara Noyer	1910
Florence Nelson	1911-12-13
Nellie La Shella (transferred from No. 9)	
Valentine Baker	Delegate
Florence Stanley	Alternate

FORT DONELSON CORPS NO. 20, FORT DODGE.

Organized February 4, 1885.

*Mary A. Brown	President
Past Presidents.	

†Louise Arey (transferred to No. 26)	1885-86
Lavina Johnson (transferred to California)	1887

§Edith Train	1888-89
Mary A. Snook	1890-91
Nettie Guild	1892
‡Mary M. Hepler	1893
Margaret McLean	1894-95
Olive VanOrs dall	1896
‡Sophia Alstrand	1897
Emily Calkins	1898
§Julia Nelson	1899-1900
Rebecca Leahy (transferred to Dept. Mich.)	1901-02
*Belle C. Senn	1903
Katherine Brown	1904
Ida Bunnell	1905
Anna Colwell	1906
Eliza Temple	1907
Rebecca Wynn	1908
Anna Colwell	1909
Francis A. Beach	1910
Margaret E. Preston	1911
Jessie Ebersole	(transferred from No. 113)
Myrtle Nicholson	(transferred from No. 113)
Sarah Feeck	(transferred from No. 113)
Miriam Beresford	1912
*Mary C. Fisher	1913
*Amelia Nydeggar	Delegate
Rosa A. Wurtsmith	Alternate

GEORGE STRONG CORPS NO. 21, FAIRFIELD.

Organized February 3, 1885.

*Emma F. Morrison President

Past Presidents.

‡Belle Brown	1885-86
S. J. Lynch	1887
*Maggie C. Gantz	1888
B. M. Mikesell	1889-90
Lenora Bell	1891-92
Julia V. McKee	1893
*Elizabeth Jaynes	1894
Mary E. Royce	1895
Maggie C. Gantz	1896
Lenora Bell	1897
Maggie E. Wilson	1898
‡Etta Crain	1899
Elizabeth Walmer	1900
Julia V. McKee	1901
‡Mollie Lynch	1902
Clara Sense	1903-04
Belle Case	1905
Maggie C. Gantz	1906
Emma L. Morrison	1907-08
Belle Case	1909
Laura Webber	1910

*Mary Turner	1911-12
Margaret C. Gantz	1913
*Orpha B. Turner	Delegate
Carrie Lynn	Alternate

KINSMAN CORPS NO. 24, DES MOINES.

Organized February 12, 1885.

*Barbara E. Groves	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Clara E. Nichols	1885-86
†Nannie B. Howe	1887
§Adelaide Thomas	1888
§Lou M. Cully	1889
‡Linnie Stephenson	1890
‡Belle Paul	1891
Mary M. Phillips	1892
Frances J. Meyers	1893
‡Hattie A. Coleman (transferred to No. 27)	1894-95
†Nannie B. Howe	1896
†Jennie Trout	1897
*Amy C. Capron	1898
Lillian A. Deemer	1899
‡Florence Miller	1900
Clemmie J. Carper	1901
†Mary E. Snyder	1902
†Marie L. Basham	1903
Ida Selover	1904
Lizzie Bishop (transferred to No. 154)	1905
Mayme Eaton	1906
*Emma Williams	1907
†Alcena A. Markle	1908
Anna J. Stark	1909
Cora Eaton	1910
*Jennie Manbeck	1911
Jennie Young	(transferred from No. 150)
*Lizzie Leona Bunger	1912-13
Lizzie Leona Bunger	Delegate
*Olive Northup	Delegate
Eilen Sutton	Alternate
Bertha Stader	Alternate

JAMES BROWNELL CORPS NO. 26, CEDAR FALLS.

Organized March 19, 1885.

Mary Rogers	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Sarah Townsend	1885-86
‡Mary Markley	1887-88
‡Lannie Hemenway	1889

Addie R. Humbert	1890-91
‡Lannie Hemenway	1892
‡Margaret Pierce	1893
§Ella K. Dinwiddie	1894
Fannie Clark	1895
Jennie B. Kingsbury	1896
†Nellie Pierce Woodruff (transferred to No. 170)	1897-98
‡Alice B. Newman	1899
†Frederica Philpot	1900-01-02
Carlie Boehmier	1903
Sophia Leland	1904-05
Florence Anderson	1906-07
Eleanor Wild	1908
‡Lannie G. Hemenway	1909
Cora A. Sheerer	1910-11
†Helen R. Griffi.h	(transferred from No. 33)
‡Louise H. Arey	(transferred from No. 20)
Anna Bell	(transferred from No. 95)
Jane A. Pierce	(transferred from No. 233)
Margaret Hemerling	(transferred from No. 228)
Cynthia A. Cross	(transferred from No. 6)
Eldora McCluskey	(transferred from No. 102)
Helen M. Stiles	(transferred from No. 127)
Anna C. Fay	1912
*Mary Rogers	1913
*Isabella Anderson	Delegate
Della Harrington	Delegate
Helen Stiles	Alternate
Addie Humbert	Alternate

CROCKER CORPS NO. 27, DESMOINES.

Organized March 26, 1885.

*Dawn B. Tullis	President
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Past Presidents.

Flora Sallade (transferred to California)	1885
Ellen S. Plumley	1886
‡Ida E. Baker	1887
Celia M. Hutchins (transferred)	1888
Mary B. Muffly	1889
Elizabeth G. Shankland	1890
Letta S. Hanger	1891
Mary L. Scanlan	1892
†Mary A. Murphy	1893
Sarah A. Windsor	1894
Susan P. Walker	1895
†Myra L. Parker	1896
Cora G. Lowery (transferred to Oklahoma)	1897
Mary A. B. Leonard (transferred to Washington, D. C.)	1898
*Marie J. Bittinger	1899
Emma Masser	1900
Katherine H. Ridgeway	1901

Ella G. Herbert	1902
Lucinda E. Drake	1903
Alice M. Swanegan	1904
Mary J. Babcock	1905
May E. Jones	1906
*Anna C. Van Hoesen	1907
Mary W. Bixby	1908
*Mary W. Hazard (transferred from No. 14)	1909
Lillian Meskimens	1910
Eva M. Wilcox	1911
†Aunt Beckey Young	(transferred from No. 36)
Lucy Lambert	(transferred from No. 36)
Hattie Coleman	(transferred from No. 24)
Ruby Eckerson	(transferred from No. 14)
Sarah J. Parsons	(transferred from No. 166)
Hattie M. Reed	(transferred from No. 208)
Fose Archer	(trans from No. 14 to California)
Almina Truot Kiger	(transferred from No. 35)
Fannie C. Archer	(transferred from No. 332)
R. Anna Smith	(transferred from No. 71)
Eugenia Hepler	(transferred from No. 4)
Emma Campbell	(transferred from No. 45)
Anna Beers	1912
*Zenia Gifford	1913
*Sadie Braddy	Delegate
*Mrs M. Holliday	Delegate
Jennie Curry	Delegate
*Lucretia Stuckey	Alternate
Mary E. Merrill	Alternate
Lou Keefe	Alternate

JOHN T. DRAKE CORPS NO. 28, BROOKLYN.

Organized March 13, 1885.

Susan Beaver	President
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Past Presidents.

†Myra E. Hankey (transferred to Illinois)	1885-86
‡Sue J. Cummings	1887
Myra E. Hankey	1888
Margaret Bennett (transferred to No. 26)	1889
Myra E. Hankey	1890
Harriet M. Busby	1891
Elizabeth Dee	1892-93
Myra E. Hankey	1894
Sophia Paulsen	1895
Sue J. Cummings	1896
§Julia A. Conway	1897
Elizabeth Cain	1898-99
Elizabeth Dee	1900
Adella Carpenter	1901
†Parmelia McLaughlin	1902
*Elouisa Byers	1903

Arminta Snyder	1904
Lucy Frease	1905
‡Fannie Dorrance	1906
Leona Waldorf	1907
Elizabeth Dee	1908
Sophie Paulsen	1909
‡Julia A. Billick	1910
Susan Bever	1911
Sophie Paulsen	1912
Elizabeth Dee	1913
Nellie Jones	Delegate
Leona Waldorf	Alternate

W. A. MORSE CORPS NO. 29, MANCHESTER.

Organized April 11, 1885.

Anna C. Fishel	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Elizabeth Jones	1885
§Eliza T. Day	1886
§Hanuah R. Eaton	1887
‡Emma P. Carr	1888
Eliza Day	1889
‡Mary Hoag	1890
*Elizabeth Carter	1891-92-93-94
Lydia VanAnda	1895
‡Elizabeth Jones	1896
§Flora H. Bells	1897
‡Emma P. Carr	1898
Eliza J. W. Terrell	1899
‡Emma P. Carr	1900
Lida Elder	1901
Rebecca Huene	1902
Mary Crosby	1903
Anna Fishel	1904
Anna Glissendorf	1905
Kate Ellis	1906
Elizabeth Harrison	1907
Nellie Adams	1908
Lida Elder	1909
Lydia Smith	1910
Rebecca Huene	1911
Maria Hesner	1912-13
*Elizabeth Harrison	Delegate
Julia Brownell	Alternate

GEN. LYONS CORPS NO. 30, CLARION.

Organized April 22, 1885.

Addie V. Goslin	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Jennie A. Entrekin	1885-86
‡Julia A. Fox	1887
Emily Alder	1888-89
Eila Brown	1890
‡Eliza J. Nelson	1891
§Emily C. Alder	1892
‡Adaline Fox	1893
Kate Walker	1894-95
Mary J. Brown	1896
§Kate Walker	1897
§Myrtle Carr	1898-99-1900-01-02-03-04-05-06
Elizabeth Tresner	1907
Mary Swartzendrover	1908-09-10
Mary Penfield	1911-12
Mary Kirkpatrick	1913
*Bonnie Taylor	Delegate
Mary Swartzendrover	Alternate

JOHN L. BASHORE CORPS NO. 32, CENTERVILLE.**Organized May 23, 1885.**

*Nan Elliott	President
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Past Presidents.

§Susie J. Wentworth	1885-86
Fannie A. Walden	1887
§Sarah Kellogg	1888-89
§Cill S. Fee	1890
Nan Elliott	1891-92
‡Sadie E. James	1893
‡Maggie G. Replogie	1894
Lucretia A. Carlton	1895-96
Nan Elliott	1897
Hattie Pixley	1898
‡Sadie E. James	1899
Nan Elliott	1900-01-02
Mary L. Root (transferred)	1903
Nan Elliott	1904-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
*Lo's A. Lenington	Delegate
Della O. Hair	Alternate

McFARLAND CORPS NO. 33, MOUNT PLEASANT.**Organized May 15, 1885.**

†Augusta L. Cozier	1885
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Past Presidents.

*Lizzie Arrowsmith	1885
§Myra B. Woolson	1886
Helen R. Griffith (transferred to No. 26)	1887-88
Seraphine H. Osgood	1889-90

§Vida N. Wing	1890
Belle Coddington	1891
Emma C. Bachelder	1892-93
Olive G. Wayman	1894
*Jessie R. White	1895-96
Laura N. Kitchen	1902
*Vashti M. Williams	1899-1900
Eliza Sater	1901
Laura N. Kitchen	1902
Lillie S. Leisenring	1903
*Ida VanHon	1904
Augusta Cozier	1905-06-07
*Margaret E. Laird	1908-09
*Augusta L. Cozier	1910-11-12-13
*Emma Huebner	Delegate
Mary B. Young	Alternat'e

AUGUST WENTZ CORPS NO. 34, DAVENPORT.

Organized May 5, 1885.

*Kittie B. Gay	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Augusta Marks	1885
§Jennie McKowen	1886-87
§Hattie A. Pearn	1888
Kate Raff	1889-90
§Jennie Grupe	1891
Elvira Hathway	1892
Lavenie Rockford	1893
*Kate Raff	1894
†Georgia B. Worker (transferred from Illino's)	1895-96
Maria Roraback (transferred)	1897
Christie Hickey	1898
†Addie E. Unangst	1899-1900
Mattie Newcomb	1901
Mary E. Bowling	1902-03
June Allen Concannon	1904-05
Julia Karwath	1906
Ida Groves	1907
Mattie E. Crippen	1908
Kate Block	1909
*Mattie E. Crippen	1910-11
*Mary Heesch	1912
*Ida Groves	1913
*Ida Groves	Delegate
Sophia H. Osborn	Alternat'e

HYDE CLARK CORPS NO. 37, DUBUQUE.

Re-organized July 10, 1897.

*Helen South	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Sidney Smith	1885-86
‡Jennie Callehan	1887-88
‡Mary E. Wicklin	1889
Amelia Lillig	1890
§Anna Young	1891-92
‡Sarah Hammel	1893
‡Ada Nitterauer	1894
Elizabeth Longueville	1895-96
‡Nellie McGee	1897
Belle T. Rodell	1898-99
Anna Young	1900
Mary Whitby	1901-02
Elizabeth M. Saunders	1903-04-05
Mary Hanson	1906-07-08
Martha Poor	1909
Rose E. Miner	1910-11
*May Pier	1912-13
Josephine Frost	(transferred from No. 299)
*Matilda Nesler	Delegate
*Mary Schmitt	Delegate
Dora Gibbs	Alternate
Mary Young	Alternate

ALLISON CORPS NO. 38, AUDUBON.

Organized May 26, 1885.

*Annis L. Weighton	President
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Past Presidents.

§Emma Kimball (transferred)	1885-86
§Alice M. Consigny	1887
‡Lydia E. Rosenburg	1888
Fannie Talbot (transferred to Dakota)	1889-90
§Alice M. Consigny	1891
§Ella L. Bell	1892
Lydia E. Rosenburg	1893
Fannie Talbot (transferred to Dept. North Dakota)	1894
§Delia Ott	1895-96
Lydia A. Chandler	1897
Eliza Moyer	1898
Minerva Cole (transferred to California)	1899-1900
‡Mina Burtch	1901
§Charity Aldrich	1902
§Agnew Cole	1903-04-05-06-07
Mary A. Kraus	1908
Livina McGinnis	1909
M'nerva Cole	1910
*Eliza J. Moyer	1911-12-13
Nettie Ward	Delegate
Bertha Johnson	Alternate

I. G. IRELAND CORPS NO. 39, SIBLEY.**Organized August 18, 1885.**Ella Mitchell President[†]**Past Presidents.**

‡Amanda M. Haslip	1885
‡Mary A. Wright	1886
‡Emily Manderville	1887
‡Hattie E. Perry	1888
Maria M. Fenton	1889
Lucy L. Morrison	1890
Lavina Morey	1891
Maria M. Fenton	1892-93
‡Irene P. Bailey	1894-95-96
Emily Meader	1897
Ida Burton	1898-99
Lucy A. Romey	1900-01
§Lenora Bennett	1902-03-04-05
Harriet Reagan	1906-07
Lucy A. Romey	1908-09
Harriet Reagan	1910-11
Ella Mitchell	1912-13
Ella Mitchell	Delegate
Levina Morey	Alternate

ABERNETHY CORPS NO. 41, WEST UNION.**Organized August 29, 1885.**

Ella F. Howe President

Past Presidents.

§Elizabeth Robinson	1885-86
Sarah F. Lakin	1887
Elizabeth Robinson	1888
§Aylia T. Talmage	1889
§Addie Graham	1890
‡Mary J. Pierce	1891-92
§Susan M. Ketchum	1893
‡Emma R. Cook	1894-95
Roxie A. Fitch	1896
Addie Graham	1897
Mary E. Finch	1898-99
Mary J. Pierce	1900
Mattie Hidinger	1901-02
Mary A. Burritt	1903
Harriet E. Fraverd	1904-05
Roxie A. Fitch	1906
Harriet E. Fraverd	1907
Isabel Reeder	1908
Mari Mackey	1909
Rebecca Kuhnes	1910

Mary Wade	1911
Mary A. Burnett	1912-13
Eva Ostrander	Delegate
Estella Richmond	Alternate

I. M. HUSTON CORPS NO. 42, VICTOR.

Organized October 10, 1885.

Eliza Barker	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Isabelle D. Huston	1885-86
§A. E. Sheldon	1887
‡Mary J. Howard	1888-89
§Sarah Negley	1890
M. A. Harper (transferred)	1891
Mary J. Howard	1892-93
Mary A. Harper	1894
Almira Whitworth (transferred to Dept. Washington)	1895
§Dora A. Wilkins	1896
Nellie Knox	1897
Mary A. Harper	1898-99
§Mary E. Genzley	1900
Mary A. Harper	1901-02
Mary J. Howard	1903
Elizabeth Steffy	1904-05-06
‡Olive Hemstreet	1907-08
Jennie Ferguson	1909
Clara G. Steffy	1910-11
Alice Craft	1912-13
Elizabeth Steffy	Delegate
Cora Sheridan	Alternate

VOORHIES CORPS NO. 43, ELDON.

Organized September 21, 1885.

Allie Davis	President
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Past Presidents.

§Phoebe Whiteny	1885-86-87
§Miranda Crow	1888
§M'nnie Hilles	1889
‡Lenora Bostick	1890
§Kate Wise	1891-92-93
§Emma Houghland	1894
Marietta McDonald	1895
‡Hannah E. Wright	1896-97
§Susa Friend	1898
Sarah Murphy	1899
‡Sarah Watts	1900
§Carrie Martin	1901
Elizabeth Enyart	1902-03-04-05

‡Cynthia Williamson	1906
Martha Wilson	1907
§Amanda L. Quigley	1908
Elizabeth Enyart	1909-10-11-12-13
Anna Hughes	Delegate
Margaret Gaskings	Alternate

I. G. WHITE CORPS NO. 45, WASHINGTON.

Organized December 15 1885.

*Mary E. Boice.....	President
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Past Presidents.

Belle Bunker	1885-86
‡Laveria Stewart	1887
‡Sue M. Baughman	1888
Mattie Foster	1889
‡Bashie Burroughs	1890
§Ida J. H'se	1891
Nancy McCurdy	1892
Armeda Wiley	1893
Laveria Stewart	1894
Jennie Titus	1895-96
§Ella Savage	1897
§Belle Schrader	1898
Arminda Wiley	1899
Sadie Reeves	1900-01
Josephine Stiles	1902
Eva Durst	1903
Maggie Robertson	1904
Eliza Sigler	1905
Alma Thomas	1906-07
*Lou Reister	1908
*Nora Bryson	1909-10
Julia Cavender	1911
Emor Campbell	(transferred from No. 221)
Julia Cavender	1912
Elizabeth White	1913
*Lucile Dupuis	Delegate

W. C. DIMITT CORPS NO. 46, MOUNT VERNON.

Organized November 29, 1885.

Clara A. B. Spear	President
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Past Presidents.

§Sarah J. Lozier	1885-86
Addie M. Kepler	1887
Clara H. Smith	1888
‡Lydia Johns	1889
Clara A. B. Smith	1890
Mary A. B. Meyer	1891

Addie M. Kepler	1892-93
Alma Rigby	1894
Addie Sherwood	1895
Una Power	1896
Lottie Stevenson (transferred)	1897
Clara A. B. Smith	1898-99
Sadie Mae Hale (transferred)	1900
Anna Zache	1901
Nettie R. Dawson (transferred)	1902
Clara A. B. Smith	1903
Mary L. Kibbee	1904
Dr. Kate Mason Hogle	1905
Ellen A. Strother	1906-07
Sarah Elrod	1908-09-10
Clara A. B. Smith	1911-12
Clara A. B. Spear	1913
Una Power	Delegate
Louise F. Gilliland	Alternate

CHARLES PAYNE CORPS NO. 48, IOWA FALLS.

Organized January 7, 1886.

Flora P. Wilbur	President
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Past Presidents.

§Addie Caldwell	1886-87
‡Louisa G. Stoddard	1888
Sabra C. Calkin	1889
Edith E. Evans	1890-91
Julia A. Holmes	1892
‡Ella Benshoof	1893
†Estella Plopper	1894
Sarah E. Carpenter	1895
§Francis H. Bywater	1896
Susan Hill (transferred)	1897
Ella Benshoof	1898
Fannie Conenhover	1899
‡Ella Benshoof	1900
Sarah E. Carpenter	1901
†Estella E. Plopper	1902
‡Ella Benshoof	1903
†Clara Carpenter	1904-05
Kate Hartman	1906-07
Lila A. Hall (transferred to No. 9)	1908
†Clara Carpenter	1909
Sarah E. Carpenter	1910
Achsah Lawrence	1911
Elfie Robertson	(transferred from No. 260)
Vira G. Hills	1912
Flora P. Wilbur	1913
*Retta M. Ives	Delegate
Julia A. Holmes	Alternate

N. H. POWERS CORPS NO. 50, SCRANTON.**Organized January 15, 1886.**

Elnora Dunell President

Past Presidents.

‡Emma C. Brown	1886-87
‡Alice E. Perkins	1888-89
§Lodusky Badger	1890
‡Helen Moss	1891-92
Hattie Johnson (transferred)	1893-94
§Minnie Pitcher	1895
Amanda Hall	1896
‡Alice E. Perkins	1897
‡Emma C. Brown	1898
Hattie Johnson	1899
Violet Fey	1900
‡Sophia Teiteort	1901
‡Helen Moss	1902
Hattie Johnson	1903
Alice E. Perkins	1904
Hattie Johnson	1905
Amanda Hall	1906-07
Violet Fey	1908-09
Melissa Garland	1910-11-12
Einora Dunell	1913
Amanda Hall	Delegate
Katherine Dunning	Alternate

DUNLAP CORPS NO. 55, ROCK RAPIDS.**Organized 1886.**

Nettie Thompson President

Past Presidents.

§Emma D. Anderson	1886
§A. Vanderwerker	1887
Disbanded	1888
§Lois Aldrich	1894
§Emma C. Gardner	1895
Nettie Thompson	1896
§Jennie Barrett	1897
Nettie Thompson	1898-99-1900-01
Almeda Jessup	1902
Nettie Thompson	1903-04-05
Louisa Woodward	1906
Nettie Thompson	1907-08-09-10-11-12-13
Nettie Thompson	Delegate
Martha Taylor	Alternate

JOHN A. LOGAN CORPS NO. 56, DENISON.**Organized March 12, 1886.**

Christine S. Romans President

Past Presidents.

†Mary S. McHenry	1886
Janette C. Wright (transferred to Oklahoma).....	1887
J. Hefflefinger (transferred to California).....	1888
Lottie Stocking Ley.....	1889
Georgia W. McClellan	1890
Lottie Stocking	1891
Mattie M. ShanVan	1892
Mattie Shaw Van	1893
Mattie James	1894
†Georgia W. McClellen.....	1895-96-97
Mattie Shaw Van	1898
†Mary S. McHenry	1899
†Mettie L. Romans	1900
†Mary S. McHenry	1901
Laura R. Baer	1902
†Emma L. Hunt	1903
Josephine Scaggs	1904
Laura Baer	1905-06-97
Emma M. Boylan	1908-09
†Annette Wheeler	1910-11
†Christine S. Romans	(transferred from No. 27)
Mina Cavette	1912-13
Georgia Schwartzenbach	Delegate
Natalie Jacobsen	Alternate

COL. HUGHES CORPS NO. 58, DECORAn.

Organized March 19, 1886.

*Della G. Miller	President
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Past Presidents.

§Ann M. Pennington	1886-87
‡Anna M. Williams	1888-89
Anna Cadwell	1890
Anna M. Williams	1891
Anna Cadwell	1892
§Oliette Thomson	1893
§Lena Francisco	1894
§Jennie Auchmoody	1895
Anna Cadwell	1896-97-98-99-1900
†Jessie McKay	1901
Della Miller	1902
Anna Cadwell	1903-04
§Mary J. Couse	1905
§Louisa Headinton	1906
§Nora Coffeen	1907-08
Anna M. Severson	1909
Anna Cadwell	1910-11-12
Della G. Miller	1913
Margaret Draner	Delegate
*Edith Hanswirth	Delegate

A. P. NORTON CORPS NO. 60, NEW HAMPTON.**Organized March 16, 1886.**

Allie Plummer President

Past Presidents.

Eilen S. Wright	1886-87
Eugenia F. Powers	1888-89
Maria P. Rowley	1890
Ellen S. Wright	1891
Emma A. Babcock	1892
Ellen S. Wright	1893
Mattie Kenyon	1894-95-96-97
Lucy Kenyon	1898
Sarah Gabrilson	1899-1900
Lucy Kenyon	1901-02-03
Eugenia F. Powers	1904-05-06
Eva R. Wing	1907
Lydia Snyder	1908
Eugenia Powers	1909-10
Emma A. Babcock	1911-12
Allie Plummer	1913
*Susan Sherwood	Delegate
Louise Kemman	Alternate

J. B. CARPENTER CORPS NO. 61, FREDERICKSBURG.**Organized April 3, 1886.**

Jennie Coleman President

Past Presidents.

Mary M. Carpenter	1886-87
Emily Dayton	1888
§Louise M. Hale	1889-90
§Antoinette Smith	1891
Hattie Kidder	1892-93
Allie Plumber	1894-95
Addie Fay	1896
Emma Swanger	1897
Allie Plumber	1898-99
Antoinette Smith	1900
Allie Plumber	1901-02
Addie Fay	1903
§Anna L. Ham	1904
Allie Plumber	1905-06-07
Addie Fay	1908
Allie Plumber	1909
Emogene Stowers	1910-11-12
Emma J. Ward	1913
Lola Chandler	Delegate
Jane Fox	Alternate

C. E. MATHIES CORPS NO. 62, BURLINGTON.

Organized April 21, 1886.

*Emma Behrens	President
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Past Presidents.

§Kittie W. Perkins	1886-87
§Ruth A. Crapo	1888-89
Emma J. Carson	1890-91
§Inez L. Weaver	1892-93-94
†Fannie E. Warden	1895-96
*Emma J. Carson	1897
*Hattie Croft	1898-99
Iona N. Shryock	1900
*Margaret Sterling	1901
Inez L. Weaver	1902
§Vian A. Lyons	1903
*Frances Rogers	1904
Hilda Sanquist (transferred)	1904-05
‡Augusta P. Daniels	1906-07-08
*Mary E. Gantz	1909
*Della Allender	1910-11
Mary Gantz	1912
Emma Behrens	1913
*Emma C. Adams	Delegate
Nelle Lupton	Alternate

CENTER CORPS NO. 64, RANDALLIA.

Organized March 26, 1886.

Anna Beman	President
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Past Presidents.

Fannie Wilder	1886
Sarah A. Torrey	1887
‡Electa J. Bratt	1888
†Harriet Bacon	1889
Adelia Odekirk	1890
§Ida Austin	1891
Sarah A. Torrey	1892
Jean Newton	1893
Eunice Sherwood (transferred to Dept. Kansas)	1894
‡Catherine Parrott	1895
§Jessie Mabon	1896
Jessie Newton	1897
Jessie Mabon	1898
‡Catherine Parrott	1899
‡Sara Nutting	1900
Sarah A. Torrey	1901-02
Jessie Newton (transferred)	1903
Estella Odekirk	1904
Effie King	1905
§Florence Parrott	1906

Lottie Vaughn	1907
§Luella Wagner	1908
Effie King	1909-10
Anna Beman	1911
Maud Irvine	1912-13
Maude Irvine	Delegate
Libbie Sprague	Alternate

HARVEY DIX CORPS NO. 69, McGREGOR.**Organized April 28, 1886.**

Julia Douglas	President
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Past Presidents.

†Margaret A. Knight	1886-87
Minerva M. Sloane	1888
†Blanche J. Quigley	1889-90
†Maggie Foster	1891-92-93
Minerva M. Sloane	1894-95-96
Mary Studebaker (transferred to No. 335)	1896-97
§Lottie Edwards	1898-99
Sarah Ziegler	1900-01
Phoebe J. Jones (transferred to No. 194)	1902
Carrie Shumaker	1903
Minerva Sloane	1904-05
§Elizabeth Dewey	1906
§Jennie Allen	1907-08
Minerva Gutheil	1909-10
Sarah Ziegler	1911
Esther Bowen	1912
Minnie Hagensick	1913
Esther Bowen	Delegate
Minnie Gutheil	Alternate

WARREN CORPS NO. 71, CLARINDA.**Organized May 26, 1886.**

*Sylvia A. Barger	President
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Past Presidents.

R. Anna Smith (transferred to No. 27)	1886-87
A. M. Dunlap	1888-89
Anna W. Mason (transferred to Dept. Nebraska)	1890
§Nellie Vance	1891-92
†Myra Ferris	1893
§Amy Hopper	1894
M. J. Sutherland (transferred to Dept. Washington)	1895
Lilly Morris	1896
R. Anna Smith	1897-98
§Sarah J. Tidball	1899
†S. S. Arthur	1900
†Lorella E. Blair	1901

Mary L. Brown	1902-03-04
‡Lorella E. Blair	1905
Frances Morlidge	1906
‡Mina Shoemaker	1907
Lorella F. Blair	1908
Mary A. Edwards	1909-10
Sylvia H. Barger	1911
Maggie E. Showalter	(transferred from No. 174)
S. E. Chiles	1912
Sylvia A. Barger	1913
Mrs. George Standige	Delegate
Fanny Kline	Alternate

C. H. HUNTERY CORPS NO. 72, MASON CITY.

Organized May 12, 1886.

Stella Homrig	President
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Past Presidents.

§Emma R. Herrick	1886-87-88-89
Lurena Keerl (transferred)	1890-91-92
§Florence A. Brock	1893
§Fannie Becker	1894-95
Mary E. Poisal	1896
Ellen C. Becker	1897
Lurena Keerl	1898-99
Sadie R. Nelson	1900-01
§Nevada R. Thompson	1902
Elizabeth Weir	1903
Lurena Keerl	1904
Addie Van Wie	1905-06-07-08
*Mary E. Nutting	1909
Celia Holman	1910
Stella Homrig	1911-12-13
§Eliza Young	(transferred from No. 74)
Mary A. Demo	(transferred from No. 305)
Lucy Beers	(transferred from No. 115)
Ada V. Elsham	Delegate
Grace Fisk	Alternate

DENISON CORPS NO. 73, CENTER POINT.

Organized January 15, 1886.

Cora A. Mahuran	President
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Past Presidents.

Mary Tiffany (transferred)	1886-87
Sophia Wayne	1888-89
Mary Tiffany	1890
Martha North	1891
Emma L. Wilson	1892-93

‡Lizzie McLaughlin	1894
‡Alma Newland	1895
O. B. Chesley	1896
Francis L. Bliss (transferred)	1897-98
†Lena T. Ring (transferred to No. 11)	1899-1900-01
Florence N. Mutchler	1902
Lena T. Ring	1903
*Emma Wilson	1904
Martha North	1905
Melinda J. Newland	1906-07-08
Elizabeth Wayne	1909
Florence Mutchler	1910
Ella Heverly	1911 12
Minnie E. Campbell	1913
Sallie Heverly	Delegate
Edyth Pyle	Alternate

TOM HOWARD CORPS NO. 74, CLEAR LAKE**Organized May 21, 1886**

Jean D. Tompkins	President
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Past Presidents.

Jennie Carlton (transferred to Washington)	1886-87-88
Margaret Colby (transferred to Wyoming)	1888-89
Jennie Charlton	1890
Carrie Richardson	1891
Hannah Bowers	1892
‡Eliza Young	1893
Phoebe L. Rogers	1894-95-96
Jennie Charlton	1897
Jane Tuttle (transferred)	1898
*Jessie O. Lambertson	1899-1900
‡Carrie M. Berkley	1901
*Lydia Taylor	1902
Carrie Richardson	1903
Hannah J. Barlow	1904
Phoebe L. Rogers	1905
Frances Richardson	1906
Jean Tompkins	1907-08
Mary Koch	1909
*Lucy Stanfield	1910
*Jean Tompkins	1911
Anna Cooper	(transferred from No. 255)
Nelia M. Collins	1912-13
Ella Hartsough	Delegate
*Isaphenia Carpenter	Alternate

WM. BAKER CORPS NO. 75, CORRECTIONVILLE.**Organized July 17, 1886.**

Mary Sargent	President
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Past Presidents.

Jerane E. Weeks	1886-87
Mary E. Sargent (transferred to No. 12).....	1888
‡Allie M. Speaker	1889
Frances Bunn	1890
§Ruth S. Robbins	1891
Jerane E. Weeks	1892
Hattie E. Huffman	1893
§Mary Fitch	1894
Delia Newell	1895
Jerane E. Weeks	1896
§Nellie Weeks Bailey	1897
§Ruth Robbins	1898-99
Jane Heath	1900
‡Lenora Rouse	1901-02
Marie Isabel (transferred to Dept. Oregon).....	1903
Ellen Richardson	1904
Marie Isabel (transferred).....	1905
§Ellen Gunning	1906
Betsy Rowse	1907-08
Harriet E. Huffman	1909
Mary Legg	1910-11
Sarah Madison	1912
Mary A. Sargent	1913
Janette G. Ross	Delegate
Mary E. Peck	Alternate

JAMES B. SAMPLE CORPS NO. 76, FORT MADISON**Organized June 29, 1886.**

*Lydia Dickson	President
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Past Presidents.

Mina Hoffmeister	1886
Hattie M. Rollett	1887-88
§Mattie O'Kell	1889-90
§Ida E. Craig	1891-92
‡Sallie Wallace	1893
Lena L. D. Gostin	1894
§Hannah Martin	1895
Elizabeth Bullock (transferred)	1896
‡Emeline M. Pound	1897
§Mattie O'Kell	1898
Sarah A. Snyder	1899-1900
Louise Thomas	1901
§Carrie Bain	1902
*Anna Gallatin	1903
Lizzie Hoffman	1904
Barbara Miller	1905
Helen Cushman	1906
§Marth Barnett	1907
§Kate Carbaun	1908-09
Helen Cushman	1910-11

Sarah A. Snyder	1912-13
Lydia Dickson	Delegate
Anna Gallatin	Alternate

SAMUEL J. KIRKWOOD CORPS NO. 78, IOWA CITY.

Organized August 30, 1886.

Nan Graham	President
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Past Presidents.

Alice Lytle	1886-87
*Ruth B. Bowen	1888
Kate D. Allen	1889
‡Amanda Beermaker	1890-91
Nannie B. Sorter	1892-93-94
Adelaide Goodrell	1895-96-97
‡Samantha Leek	1898
‡Mary A. DeSellem	1899-1900-01-02
Mattie Cree	1903-04
‡Sarah Hatch	1905-06
Barbara O'Brien	1907
Della E. Marble	1908-09
*Anna Larkin	1910-11
Carrie O. Brooke	1912
Nan Graham	1913
*Ruth B. Bowen	Delegate
*Clara Weber	Delegate
Lilla Prince	Alternate
Lydia Schillig	Alternate

MOWER CORPS NO. 80, LEMARS.

Organized October 12, 1886.

Louisa Edmonds	President
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Past Presidents.

Dell E. Garner (transferred to California)	1886-87
‡Melissa Stebbins	1888
Dell E. Garner	1889
Mary A. Viall (transferred to Dept. Ill.)	1890
‡Mary O. Hinds	1891
Jennie M. Martin	1892
Mary A. Jones	1893-94
‡Mira Pauley	1895
Mary A. Carter	1896
Lettie Hillary	1897
Alice J. McDuffy	1898-99
‡Fanny A. Honnold	1900
Mary Molamby	1901
Dell E. Garner	1902
Marie Crouch (transferred to Dept. California)	1903
Rachel Ruble	1904-05

Bridget Boyle	1906
Marie Crouch (transferred to California).....	1907-10
Lena Crouch	1909-10
Catherine Harrington	1911
Mary A. Jones	1912
Louise Edmonds	1913
Catherine Lemon	Delegate
Alice J. McDuffee	Alternate

J. W. MCKENZIE CORPS NO. 81, HAMPTON.

Organized October 31, 1886.

Clara Phelps	President
Past Presidents.	

§Effie R. Mallory	1886-87
Mary McCardell (transferred to No. 127).....	1888
§Louie McKenzie	1889-90
Mary L. Raymond	1891
Mattie French	1892
‡Emma Whitcomb	1893
Sarah Luke	1894-95
Mary L. Raymond	1896
Helen M. Sweet	1897-98
Mattie French	1899
Alice F. Meyers	1900-01
‡Hannah Bender	1902
Clara Phelps	1903
Eliza Fowler	1904
Alice F. Meyers	1905
Clara Watt	1906
Fannie F. Wade	1907
Alice F. Meyers	1908
Marian S. Johnston	1909
Ella Roberts	1910-11
Fannie Wade	1912-13
Fannie Hodges	(transferred)
Clara Phelps	Delegate
Emma Stonebraker	Alternate

SEDGWICK CORPS NO. 82, BEDFORD,

Organized October 25, 1886.

Clara S. Wilkins	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Eliza J. Houck	1886-87-88-89
Leah C. Kearsey	1890
Eliza J. Houck	1891-92
Matilda Smith	1893-94
Ursula Connell	1895
‡Maggie Peterman	1896

Frank Dallison	1897
§Mary Flick	1898-99
Jennie V. Kemper	1900
†Addie B. Guthrie	1901-02
†Maggie Derrickson	1903-04
Clara Wilkins	1905-06
Mary A. Flick	1907-08
Mary Walker (transferred)	1909-10-11
Matilda Smith	1912-13
Retta Dallison	Delegate
Irene Ulrich	Alternate

ROBBINS CORPS NO. 83, WAVERLY.

Organized November 9, 1886.

*Adah I. Seeley	President
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Past Presidents.

†Kate Hanchett	1886-87-88-89
‡Ann C. Sheehan	1890
§Clara Barber	1891
Helena Temple	1892-93
Kate Hanchett	1894
Louise Hunt	1895
Mary L. Jarvis	1896
Sarah Woodruff	1897
Louise Moody	1898
Mary Woodring	1899
§Marion E. Kemp	1900
Mary Woodring	1901-02
†Ray M. Hanchett	1903-04
Effie Leonard	1905-06
Alice McMeekin	1907
Jennie Hodges	1908
Mary Stufflebeam (transferred to No. 15)	1909
Ethel J. Cave	1910
Clara Brock	1911
Emma Osier	(transferred from No. 7)
Vena Remington	1912
Minnie Broadie	1913
*Louise Seifert	Delegate
*May Leitha	Delegate
Maude Broadie	Alternate
May Moore	Alternate

GEN. HANCOCK CORPS NO. 87, SIOUX CITY.

Organized November 20, 1886.

Minnie Chase	President
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Past Presidents.

§L. T. Teachout	1886-87-88
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§Dora Gerard	1889
‡Julia A. Young	1890-91-92
§Vadie M. Brown	1893
Marcia M. Lothrop	1894
Ella Andrews	1895
§Calista C. Gordon	1896
‡Carrie Argo	1897
‡Julia A. Young	1898
Ethel Collier	1899
‡Mary B. Huffman	1900-01-02
Myrtle Morgenstern	1903
Florence Rapalee	1904
‡Alice Pettit	1905
Hannah Britton	1906-07
*Lizzie Sturges	1908
Mary A. Adams	1909
Margaret Gleen	1910
§Mattie Mitchell	1911
Anna Maynard	1912
Lettie Hillery	(transferred from No. 80)
Eugene Gillespie	(transferred from No. 181)
Etta McQueen	(transferred from No. 287)
Anna M. Kloeh	(transferred from No. 7)
Margaret Long	(transferred from No. 110)
Calista Gordon	(transferred from Nebraska)
Ella Pecant	1913
Ella Marshall	Delegate
*Ella Marshall	Alternate

ED. HAMLIN CORPS NO. 88, WELLMAN.

Organized November 27, 1886.

Jennie Oldaker President

Past Presidents.

Lavina Klockentager	1886-87-88
Mary Gemmill	1889-90
Florilla Longwell	1891-92
‡Emily Downing	1893-94
Lavina Klockentager	1895
Etta Waite Hunter	1896-97
Florilla Longwell	1898-99
Angie Flemming	1900-01
Florence Gardner	1902-03
Florilla Longwell	1904-05
Mary Turnipseed	1906
Kate Lewis	1907-08-09
Bertha M. Romine	1910
Etta Waite Hunter	1911-12
Jennie Oldaker	1913
*Jennie C. Oldaker	Delegate
Effie Hull	Alternate

HENRY HOWARD CORPS NO. 89, STRAWBERRY POINT.**Organized No. 17, 1886.**

Martha Schug President

Past Presidents.

§Gertrude Moreland	1886-87
‡Amanda D. S. Cooley	1888-89-90-91-92-93
Alma Nace	1894-95
‡Amanda D. S. Cooley	1896-97-98-99-1900-01-02-03
Emma Barnes	1904
‡Amanda D. S. Cooley	1905-06
Emma Barnes	1907
Alma Nace	1908-09-10
Emma Barnes	1911
Freda M. Smith	1912-13
Mary Opperman	Delegate
Mary Porter	Alternate

SCHUYLER CORPS NO. 90, BRANDON**Organized November 5, 1886.**

Ellazean Hines President

Past Presidents.

Louisa J. Bain	1886-87-88-89
Kate Steckman (transferred to Dept. Minnesota)	1890
Libbie Frink (transferred to No. 144)	1891
‡Mary E. Williams	1892
Jennie S. Albert	1893-94-95
Minnie Smith (transferred to No. 144)	1896-97
Louisa J. Bain	1898-99-1900
Kate Steckman	1901-02
Louisa J. Bain	1903-04-05-06
Ellazean Hines	1907-08
Maria Mead	1909-10
Jennie F. Albert	1911-12
Ellazean Hines	1913
Rosa Short	Delegate
Louisa Pain	Alternate

A. M. TAYLOR CORPS NO. 95, WAPELLO.**Organized January 19, 1887.**

Eva Balbridge President

Past Presidents.

E. A. Miller	1887
C. L. Riley	1888
Anna Bell	1889
E. A. Small	1890

Emily A. Miller	1891-92
Elizabeth Garrett	1893-94-95
Sarah Hayden	1896-97-98
§Laura Tompkins	1899
Mary C. Wright	1900
†Ida Guthrie	1901
§O. Philea Wallingford	1902-03
Sarah Hayden	1904
Mary Wright	1905
Marietta Foor	1906-07-08
Mary E. Wright	1909-10
Marietta Foor	1911-12
Eva Balbridge	1913
Dora Chandler	Delegate
Ida Shaw	Alternate

ELLSWORTH CORPS NO. 98, AMES.

Organized February 4, 1887.

*Anna Steigerwalt	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Elizabeth Geddes	1887
‡Kate R. Condit	1888-89-90
‡Tennetta Hamilton	1891
‡Sarah H. Wilson	1892-93
‡Sarah E. Bigelow	1894-95
‡Louisa M. Bosworth	1896
Nancy M. Taylor	1897-98-99-1900
Augusta Underwood	1901
Nancy M. Taylor	1902-03
§Evangeline Little	1904-05
§Abbie Gibson	1906
M. Electa Gilbert	1907-08
Nancy M. Taylor	1909-10-11
Anna Steigerwalt	1912-13
*Sadie Yeomans	Delegate
Lettie McFarlane	Alternate

WINFIELD SCOTT CORPS NO. 99, WEBSTER CITY.

Organized February 16, 1887.

Lillian Hall	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Frances Wickware	1887
Mary Dakin	1888
§Lizzie Martin	1889
§Esther Lake	1890
Frances E. Wickware	1891
†Margaret Young	1892
Mary J. Young	1893

\$Mary Wilson	1894-95
Elmina Cook	1896-97
Jane Kronskup	1898
Mary C. White	1899
Mary J. Young	1900-01-02-03
§Maggie Haswell	1904-05-06
Minerva Neel	1907-08
Elizabeth A. Ennie	1909
Mattie Martin	1910-11-12
Lillian C. Hall	1913
*Amy Robinson	Delegate
Lucinda Kimmel	Alternate

TORRENCE CORPS NO. 160, KEOKUK.

Organized March 9, 1887.

*Ella Thomas	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Henrietta Parrott	1887
*Rachel Mason French	1888-89
‡Phoebe Mackey	1890
‡Mary Muzzy	1891
Louisa Rollins	1892-93-94
Ruth M. Evans	1895-96
Mary Johnston	1897-98
Mary Bishop	1899-1900
‡Anna Wycoff	1901-02
Hettie Collier (transferred to Dept. Illinois)	1903-04
Cela K. Crow	1905-06-07
Helen B. Cook	1908-09
Anna Roche	1910
Flora Teeters	1911-12
Ella Thomas	1913
Susan Phillips	Delegate
Mrs. C. W. Hartley	Alternate

J. M. HOLBROOK CORPS NO. 101, DELHI.

Organized March 4, 1887.

Myrtle Barnes	President
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Past Presidents.

§Emma Smith	1887
‡Adelaide Fuller	1888
Lida C. Corbin	1889-90
Hattie White	1891-92-93-94
H. C. Doolittle	1895-96-97
Ella Blancherd	1898-99
Jessie Doolittle	1900-01
Carrie W. Swinburn	1902-03-04-05
Lida E. Corbin	1906-07

Jennie Stimson	1908-09
Jessie Doolittle	1910-11
Emma Jakelin	1912
Myrtle Barnes	1913
Myrtle Barnes	Delegate
Jessie Doolittle	Alternate

OSCEOLA CORPS NO. 102, OSCEOLA.

Organized March 7, 1887.

Emma Harper	President
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Past Presidents.

Anna W. Karr	1887
H. E. Bumgardner	1888-89
†Mary M. Morrow	1890
†Hattie E. Bumgardner	1891
Anna W. Karr	1892
Ella P. Lash (transferred Dept. California)	1893
†Mamie Ballou	1894-95
Hattie E. Bumgardner	1896
R. F. Candee (transferred to Dept. Illinois)	1897-98-99
Estelle R. Mintonye	1900
‡L. A. Armstrong	1901
Hattie E. Bumgardner	1902
Emma L. Harper	1903-04
Emma Parish	1905
Ella P. Lash	1906
Mary M. Thomas	1907-08-09
Susan A. Delk	1910
Lizzie Rarick	1911
Jennie Lockwood	1912
Emma Harper	1913
*Eva Rice	Delegate
Louisa Alexander	Alternate

G. C. FRANCIS CORPS NO. 103, WALKER.

Organized March 12, 1887

Liona Furbush	President
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Past Presidents.

Sarah A. Johnson	1887-88-89
§Julia T. Crego	1890
Sarah A. Johnson	1891-92-93
†Mary Butterfield	1894
§Catherine Wilson	1895
Celia A. Rusesll (transferred)	1896-97
Sarah A. Johnson	1898-99
Elizabeth Lamb	1900
Addie Buckley	1901
†Mary Butterfield	1902
Julia Fairchild	1903
*Kate Sinkey	1904-05

Catherine Wilson	1906
†Mary Butterfield	1907-08
Kate Sinkey	1909
Lottie Bross	1910
Fannie Robinson	1911-12
Liona M. Furbush	1913
*Mary L. Hudson	Delegate
Kate Linkey	Alternate

LLEWELLYN CORPS NO. 104, CORNING.

Organized April 2, 1887.

Olive Cumings	President
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Past Presidents.

S. Smith	1887-88
Virginia Belding	1889
Isabel McLaughlin	1890
Alice C. Craft	1891
Amy Salts	1892
Isabel Frederick	1893
Marilla Craft	1894
May T. Frederick	1895-96
Isabel Frederick	1897
Viola Glover	1898
Maggie Lawrence	1899
Mary B. Wilson	1900-01
Virginia Johnson	1902
Lavina Kurtz	1903-04
Eunice Fuller	1905
Mattie E. Homan	1906
Lavina Kurtz	1907
May Morgan	1908-09
May T. Frederick	1910-11-12
Sarah L. Gray	1913
Sallie Walthal	Delegate
Sarah L. Gray	Alternate

E. O. C. ORD CORPS NO. 105, SUTHERLAND.

Organized April 6, 1887.

*Flora Nott	President
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Past Presidents.

†Agnes B. Gates	1887-88-89
Roma Woods	1890
§Ada R. Achorn	1891
Martha Alexandria (transferred)	1892
†Agnes B. Gates	1893-94
Maggie Hicks	1895-96-97-98
Amy A. Fairley	1899-1900
Roma W. Woods	1901-02-03

Flora Nott	1904-05-06
Nellie Fairley	1907
Mary E. Martin	1908
Augusta Bark	1909-10
Georgia Haines	1911-12
Flora Nott	1913
Phebe Gelse	Delegate
Emma Mueller	Alternate

MARVIN MILLS CORPS NO. 106, CENTRAL CITY.

Organized March 8, 1887.

Lena A. Stone	President
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Past Presidents.

Adelia F. Giffin	1887-88
‡Phebe Mason	1889-90-91
§Mary I. Trueblood	1892
§Mary A. Copping	1893
Laura A. Butters	1894-95
Elizabeth A. Blodgett	1896-97
Laura A. Butters	1898-99
§Louisa J. Walker	1900
Laura A. Butters	1901-02-03-04-05
Minnie W. Isham	1906-07
Florence Burl'ngham	1908
Lottie Blodgett	1909-10
Florence Burlingham	1911-12
Lena A. Stone	1913
Bertha Reed	Delegate
Millie Hoffman	Alternate

ALBERT ROWLEY CORPS NO. 108, HUMBOLDT.

Organized April 8, 1887.

Lizzie Wells	President
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Past Presidents.

Angie Foster	1887-88-89
§Kate M. Sample	1890
Eliza French	1891-92
Sarah Goodell	(transferred Illinois)
Hannah B. Cohoon	1893
Mida F. Doan	1894-95
Clara F. Harkness	1896
Eliza J. Foster	1897-98-99-1900
Lizzie Wells	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
Julia Thomas	1911
Lizzie Wells	1912-13
*Sarah Goodell	Delegate
Lottie Barrett	Alternate

REESE LLOYD CORPS NO. 109, WILLIAMSBURG.

Organized May 7, 1887.

Emma H. Sheetz President

Past Presidents.

‡Mary Schooley	1887-88
§Jennie Ray	1889-90
‡Ellen Carmichael	1891
‡Rose Lyon	1892
Jessie Long	1893-94-95
Emma Richmond	1896
Kitt Harris	1897
Dell Hughes	1898-99-1900
Josie Morse (transferred)	1901-02
§S. Jennie Ray	1903-04
Anna J. Hughes	1905
Emma H. Sheetz	1906
Anna Lortz	1907-08
Sarah Edwards	1909
Anna J. Hughes	1910
Veronica Hastings	1911
Catherine Pike	(transferred from No. 11)
Veronica Hastings	1912
Hattie Scholl	1913
Hattie Scholl	Delegate
Isabella Sherman	Alternate

COL. GOODRICH CORPS NO. 110, ODEBOLT.

Organized May 18, 1887.

Caroline C. Kluckhohn President

Past Presidents.

Rachel L. Graham	1887
§H. J. Mathews	1888
Maggie Long (transferred to No. 87)	1889
Jennie Smith	1890-91
§Lydia Fox	1892
§Emma Orcutt	1893
Maggie Long	1894
Emma Yonnie	1895-96
Maggie Long	1897-98
Lelia S. Wolf	1899-1900
Arvilla Mitts	1901
Jennie Smith	1902-03
Cornelia Fisher	1904
§Lydia Fox	1905-06-07
Rachel L. Graham (transferred)	1908-09-10
Caroline Kluckhohn	1911-12-13
Arvilla E. Mitts	Delegate
Cornelia Fisher	Alternate

WM. P. LAYTON CORPS NO. 111, OAKLAND.

Organized April 15, 1887.

Matilda Humbert President

Past Presidents.

†Sarah Lyman	1887-88-89
§Lizzie Burrow	1890-91
Loretta McMasters	1892
†Mary Coleman	1893
§C. M. Crofts	1894
Loretta McMasters	1895-96
§Ada White	1897
Cherokee Crofts	1898
Maggie Butler	1899
Matilda M. Humbert	1900
C. M. Crofts	1901-02
Mary Coleman	1903
Loretta McMasters	1904
§Mae Williams	1905-06
Matilda Humbert	1907
†Jennie Woodrow	1908-09-10
Alice Applegate	1911
Sue Wentz	1912
Amelia Vance	1913
	Delegate
	Alternate

McDOWELL CORPS NO. 112, EARLY.

Jennie Parrott President

Past Presidents.

†Mary A. Fuller	1887-88-89-90
§Lizzie Graham	1891
Mary A. Fuller	1892
Ellen L. Allen	1893
Nellie Fuller (transferred)	1894
§Ollie Farquhar	1895-96
Ida Fuller	1897
Rachel McQuirk	1898
Lizzie R. Graham	1899-1900
Rachel McQuirk	1901
§Creta L. Lashier	1902-03
Rachel McQuirk	1904
Jennie Perrott	1905-06
Emma Truax	1907
Jennie Perrott	1908-09-10
Ella Bedell	1911-12-13

ALLEE CORPS NO. 113, MANSON

Organized December 12, 1887.

Anna Kibler President

Past Presidents.

§Hannah W. Dunn	1887
R. A. Wilson	1888
Jessie Ebersole (transferred to No. 20)	1889
Rebecca Wilson	1890-91
Minnie Davidson	1892
Sarah Feek (transferred)	1893
Margaret Williams	1894-95
‡Nettie Safford	1896
Myrtle E. Nicholson (transferred to No. 20)	1897
Flora P. Wilson	1898
Hettie Burrell	1899-1900-01
Myrtle Nicholson	1902
Hettie Burrell	1903-04-05-06-07
Flora P. Wilson	1908
Ida Dawson	1909
Aletha Lent	1910
Blanche Lent	1911-12
Ida Dawson	1913

C. H. PIXLEY CORPS NO. 116, ROCKFORD.

Re-organized March 12, 1901.

Eliza Albee	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Bertha Bowlls	1887-88
‡Belle M. Lyon	1889-90-91-92-93
§Susie N. Ayres	1894
Etta Reed	1895
§Laura Trigg	1896
‡Mattie Felwock	1897
Disbanded	1898
Margaret Edmunds	1901-02
§Ella Brown	1903
Miranda Johnson	1904-05
§Marcie Garber	1906
Mary McNalley	1907-08
Winnie Welton	1909
Mary Fellwock	1910-11
Eliza Albee	1912
Miranda Johnston	1913
Jennie Carrott	Delegate
Emma Meyers	Alternate

PITZER CORPS NO. 117, WINTERSET.

Organized July 19, 1887.

Irene E. Connoran	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Nannie C. Wallace	1887
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Irene Connoran	1888
Jennie Whedon	1889-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97
§Caroline Murray	1898
†Jennie Whedon	1899-1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12
Lillian Beach	(transferred from No. 322)
*Irene Connoran	1913
*Charlena Seidler	Delegate
Winifred Whedon	Alternate

CHARLES CITY CORPS NO. 121, CHARLES CITY.

Organized September 8, 1887.

Lucy Janes	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Kate E. Baldwin	1887
Susie M. Bradly	1888-89
Libbie Merriam	1890
Fannie Barney	1891-92
Susie Webster	1893
Stella Miles	1894-95
Florence L. Wilson	1896-97
†Agnes Dennis	1898
Susie Webster	1899-1900-01
Florence Wilson	1902
Susan Bradly	1903-04
§Helena Van Auken	1905
Harriet Huckins	1906-07
Susie Webster	1908-09
Lucy Janes	1910-11-12
Harriet Huckins	1913
*Susan N. Bradly	Delegate
Cora L. Cunningham	Alternate

SHELBY NORMAN CORPS NO. 122, MUSCATINE.

Organized September 10, 1887.

Mary Millett	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Jane Madden	1887-88
Emma Dean	1889-90-91-92
§Lily H. Baird	1893
Barbara Detwiler (transferred)	1894-95-96-97-98
Clara E. Batterson (transferred to Dept. California)	1899-1900
†Sarah A. Fox	1901-02-03
†Sue Stanwood	1904-05
Laura Wickey	1906
†Sarah A. Fox	1907-08-09-10-11
Addie Barnard	1912-13
*Kate Long	Delegate
*Alice Steninger	Delegate

*Annie J. Beaham	Delegate
Carrie Lenz	Alternate
Lilly Kinsley	Alternate
Gussie Mull	Alternate

J. J. STILLMAN CORPS NO. 123, WAUKON.**Organized October 15, 1887.**

Althea A. Robbins	President
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Past Presidents.

‡E. E. Stevens	1887-88
‡Anna Granger	1889-90
§Emily Pitt	1891
Margaret David	1892
‡Henrietta M. Hale	1893
Phoebe E. Walker	1894-95
Henrietta M. Hale	1896-97
Eliza Colgrove	1898
Henrietta M. Hale	1899
Althea A. Robbins	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
*Agnes Bellows	Delegate
Mary Still	Alternate

FRED STEELE CORPS NO. 124, ANAMOSA.**Organized September 18, 1887.**

Ella T. Bagley	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Mary E. Andrews	1887
§Albertine Cudworth	1888-89-90-91-92-93
‡Augusta Ericksen	1894
§Clara Hollenbeck	1895-96-97
Jennie Wood	1898
Ada McIntyre (transferred to Dept. Illinois)	1899-1900
Lucy Harvey	1901
§Belle Boswell	1902
§Emma Yount	1903-04
Ada C. McIntyre	1905
Lucy C. Harvey	1906
Alice V. Outland	1907
Gertrude Cunningham	1908
Alice V. Outland	1909
Ella T. Bagley	1910-11-12-13
Mae Ruhl	Delegate
*Mary C. Derr	Alternate

ROBERT MITCHELL CORPS NO. 126, MARION.**Organized October 18, 1887.**

*Fannie Domer	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Sarah E. McKean	1887-88-89
‡Lydia A. Kinley	1890
‡Helen Stearns	1891
‡Sarah E. McKean	1892
‡Lydia A. Kinley	1893-94
Helen Howard	1895
‡Lydia A. Kinley	1896
Adelaide Johnson	1897-98-99-1900
‡Rebecca Alexander	1901
Mary Horn	1902
‡Jacintha Cassady	1903-04
Anna Clogston	1905
Zadie Snyder	1906-07
*L. Gertrude Anderson	1908
Flora Morehead	1909-10
Mary Newman	1911
Effie J. Biggs	(transferred from No. 288)
Angeline Tripp	(transferred from No. 288)
Emma C. Smith (transferred to No. 11)	1912
Bertha Barnes	1913
Fannie Domer	Delegate
†Lydia W. Nott	Delegate
*L. Gertrude Anderson	Alternate
May Reid	Alternate

JANESVILLE CORPS NO. 127, JANESVILLE.

Organized October 1, 1887.

Emory Sharp	President
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Past Presidents.

Alton Clark (transferred to Nebraska)	1887
‡Sarah A. High	1888
Anna E. Witherell (transferred)	1889-90
Mary C. Davis (transferred)	1891-92
‡Caroline Crail	1893
Eilen Shaw	1894-95
Rose Fitkin	1896
‡Anna Fish	1897-98
§Mary Barrett	1899
Helen M. Stiles (transferred to No. 26)	1900
Anna Wetherell	1901-02
§Naomi Ford	1903
Mary McCarell	1904
Anna Wetherell Taylor (transferred)	1905-06
Rachel McMurray	1907-08-09
Mae Prosser	1910
Florence Ballantyne	1911
Hattie Decker	1912-13
Hattie Decker	Delegate
Lottie Wetherill	Alternate

ROBERT F. LOWE CORPS NO. 128, SIGOURNEY.

Organized November 9, 1887.

*Alta Brown President

Past Presidents.

§Kate Passig	1887-88-89-90
‡Marie Gillette	1891
‡Alvina D. Parker	1892
§Amanda Ramsey	1893-94-95
Flora S. Brown	1896
Rose J. Moore	1897
§Mary Stranahan	1898
Alice B. Page	1899-1900
Elizabeth Brown	1901-02
Flora Brown	1903
‡Maria Nease	1904
§Lydia Seydel	1905
Hattie E. McElroy (transferred to No. 308)	1906
Ella M. Stone	1907
Cora Berry (transferred to No. 308)	1908
Oniska P. Pfaff	1909-10
Flora Brown	1911-12
Alta Brown	1913
Alta V. Brown	Delegate
*Rosa McKay	Delegate
Laura Richardson	Alternate

REYNOLDS CORPS NO. 129, MAYNARD.

Organized November 2, 1887.

Olivia Talcott President

Past Presidents.

‡Ellen Snediger	1887-88
Emma Deckard	1889-90
Louisa Goldsberry	1891
Harriet Malven	1892
Etta C. Bing	1893
Lucia Lewis	1894
Zulema Benson	1895
Martha Adams	1896
Olivia Talcott	1897
Adelia T. Godfrey	1898
Olivia Talcott	1899-1900-01
Louisa Goldsberry	1902
Olivia Talcott	1903-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
Harriet Malvin	Delegate
Eliza Barnes	Delegate

JOHN B. HANCOCK CORPS NO. 130, BELLE PLAINE.

Organized November 1, 1887.

Elizabeth D. Beal President

Past Presidents.

*S. Alice Wilcoxson	1887-88
Frances Newcomb	1889
†Mary E. Hartwell	1890-91
Anna M. Parrish	1892
†Mary E. Hartwell	1893-94
†Frances Newton	1895-96
Marietta McCurdy	1897
Mary Twogood (transferred to Dept. Minnesota)	1898
§Anna Anderson	1899
Elizabeth Wentz	1900-01
Anna M. Parrish	1902
*Mary A. Brand	1903
Elizabeth Wentz	1904
Elizabeth Beal	1905-06-07
*Christine Crawford	1908
Elizabeth Beal	1909-10
Anna R. Ruhl	1911-12
S. Alice Wilcoxson	1913
Stella Bardwell	Delegate
S. Alice Wilcoxson	Alternate

CLOUTMAN CORPS NO. 134, OTTUMWA.

Organized November 17, 1887.

Carrie Tout	President
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Past Presidents.

*Loretta Cowles	1887
§Mary G. Miller	1888-89
§Esther Coen	1890
†Emily A. Knott	1891
Mary E. Asbury	1892
Mahala D. LaForce	1893
Mary C. King	1894
Amanda Kirk	1895
†Margaret Peck	1896
§Mary Burgess	1897
Mary Kroeger (transferred to Dept. Oklahoma)	1898
Sarah Seibert	1899
*Amy Owen	1900
Jennie Schafer	1901
†Adeline C. Stewart	1902-03
Emma Davis	1904
Mary C. King	1905
Tacy Johnson	1906
Carrie Tout	1907
†Margaret Fullmer	1908
Minnie Langdale	1909
*Elizabeth Coyne	1910
Martha E. Farmer	1911
*Louise Adler	1912-13
Elizabeth Coyne	Delegate
Martha Farmer	Alternate

LENOX CORPS NO. 136, LENOX.

Organized November 26, 1887.

Nellie Brown President

Past Presidents.

§Maggie J. Cline	1887-88
Salina VanHoutan	1889
‡Adelia L. Page	1890-91-92
‡Clementine Furgeson	1893-94-95
Emma S. Bennett	1896-97-98-99-1900-01-02
Nellie Brown	1903-04
Emma S. Bennett	1905
Fannie Hodges Winder (transferred to No. 82)	1906-07
Emma S. Bennett	1908-09
Ida Patton	1910
Addie Wright	1911
Emma S. Bennett	1912-13
Nellie Brown	Delegate
Emma S. Bennett	Alternate

SHELLEDY CORPS NO. 138, MONROE.

Re-organized March 12, 1892.

*Lola Orcutt President

Past Presidents.

Anna McKee	1888
‡Sarah R. Dickson	1889-90
Sallie A. Hall (transferred to No. 3)	1891
Callie Schrader	1892
‡Sarah R. Dickson	1893
‡Ida Ible	1894
Etta M. Orcutt	1895
‡Margaret E. Hinson	1896-97
Rose M. Schek (transferred to Dept. Oregon)	1898-99
Belle Neff	1900
Alice Husted	1901-02
Mary Lyon (transferred to Dept. Nebraska)	1903
Esta M. Quick	1904-05
Mary Reed	1906
Madge B. Ible	1907-08
Anne Elrod	1909
Clara Rinehart	1910
Alice Fessler	1911
*Susie Carter	1912
Martha Palmer	1913
*Lola Orcutt	Delegate
Esta Quick	Alternate

MYERS CORPS NO. 140, GREENFIELD.

Organized March 3, 1888.

Hattie Elliott President

Past Presidents.

Ella C. Knapp	1888-89-90-91
Lucy E. Harvey	1892-93
Dotha Myers	1894-95
§Jennie Patterson	1896
‡Ella M. Goodman	1897-98
Hilda E. Brown	1899
Ella C. Knapp	1900-01
*Mary A. Tuttle	1902-03
Sarah Quinn	1904-05
*Deborah Cahew Smith	1906
Ellen Smith	1907
§Jennie Patterson	1908
Frances J. Hines	1909-10-11
Calista Shirk	1912
Hattie Elliott	1913
*Hilda E. Brown	Delegate
Matilda Scofield	Alternate

T. F. POTTER CORPS NO. 141, CRESTON.

Organized February 13, 1888.

Nellie C. Busby	President
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Past Presidents.

§Ruby S. Eckerson	1888-89
§Eliza Turman	1890
Mary E. Clark	1891
‡Mary Harsh	1892
‡Lou A. Bewcomb	1893
§Sarah M. Trumbell	1894
Christine C. Snyder (transferred)	1895
§Victoria Bradford	1896
§Mary Thornton	1897
Christine C. Snyder	1898-99
Isa Connell	1900-01
Clara Hughes	1902-03
§Sarah E. Andrews	1904
Victoria Bradford	1905-06-07-08
‡Lou A. Bewcomb	1909
Clara E. Hughes	1910
Clara Bamford	1911-12
Ida Mawson	1913
*Clara Bamford	Delegate
	Alternate

MARBLE ROCK CORPS NO. 143, MARBLE ROCK.

Organized February 13, 1888.

B. Schermerhorn	President
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Past Presidents.

§E. A. Rosencrans	1888
§Anna N. Sours	1889
§Cynthia Egneu	1890
Ellen J. Ritter	1891
Cynthia Rosencrans	1892
§C. H. McDonnell	1893
Amelia Stewart	1894-95-96-97-98-99
§Jennie Reed	1900
†Christine Asper	1901
Etta Winchell	1902
Minnie V. Horr	1903-04
Elizabeth Sours	1905-06-07
Mary B. Campbell	1908-09
Elizabeth Sours	1910-11-12
Minnie C. Knesel (transferred from No. 303)	1913
Mrs. K. A. Stewart	Delegate
Elizabeth Sours	Alternate

E. C. LITTLE CORPS NO. 144, INDEPENDENCE.**Organized March 14, 1888.**

Carrie I. Netcott	President
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Past Presidents.

§Harriet Holman	1888-89
‡Frances E. Ney	1890
§Alice Lyon	1891
§Catherine Steinmetz	1892
M. D. Blakely	1893-94
§Catherine Steinmetz	1895
§Harriet Holman	1896
Sarah Burris	1897-98-99
M. D. Blakely	1900-01
†Carrie I. Netcott	1902-03-04-05
Clara E. Camp	1906-07-08
*Mary F. O'Brien	1909-10-11-12-13
Mina Smith	(transferred from No. 90)
Libbie Fink	(transferred from No. 90)
*Louisa Parker	Delegate
Edith Sill	Alternate

J. D. FERGUSON CORPS NO. 147, NEVADA.**Organized March 3, 1888.**

Elizabeth Wall	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Isabel T. Kirk	1888
‡Marian Morton	1889-90
Minnie Barnes	1891

‡Mary Scott	1892
§Josephine Barnes	1893
§Margaret Curtis	1894-95
‡Teneta Hamilton	1896-97
§Olive Hulse	1898-99
Fannie Adams	1900
Lizzie Swafford	1901
§Elizabeth Furnas	1902
§Melissa Gretsinger	1903
*Ina Walker	1904
Mittie Dodge	1905
§Sarah Prior	1906-07
§Josephine Barnes	1908
Fannie Adams	1909
Lizzie Swafford	1910-11
Althea Tarmam	1912
Fannie Adams	1913
Blanche Wall	Delegate
Sarah Coxworth	Alternate

WM. WHITED CORPS NO. 148, BELMOND.

Organized March 15, 1888.

May Hardwick	President
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Past Presidents.

Florine Pritchard	1888-89
‡Hattie Martin	1890
*Margaret F. Hinman	1891
Martha Wolcott	1892
Sarah A. Logan (transferred)	1893-94
S. C. Boughton	1895
Hattie L. Martin	1896
‡Florence Pritchard	1897-98
Margaret F. Hinman	1899-1900-01-02
Adah Tomlinson	1903-04
Mary Potter	1905
Sarah C. Boughton	1906-07-08
Adah Tomlinson	1909-10-11
May Hardwick	1912-13
.....	Delegate
.....	Alternate

McPHERSON CORPS NO. 150, MANNING.

Organized March 8, 1888.

Sarah Free	President
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Past Presidents.

§Minnie C. Kuhn	1888-89
‡Helen Guild	1890
‡Rachel T. O'Flyng	1891

‡Helen Guild	1892-93-94-95
§Lucy Salinger	1896-97
Rachel Blair	1898
‡Jennie C. Young (transferred to No. 24)	1899
‡Sophia Beal	1900
Rachel Blair	1901
§Frances M. Daily	1902-03
Emma Leonard	1904-05
‡Etta Emmons	1906-07
Sarah Free	1908-09
Frances Dailey	1910
Ruth Atherton	1911-12
Sarah Free	1913
Sarah Free	Delegate
Emma Grau	Alternate

SILAS JACKSON CORPS NO. 152, WEST LIBERTY.

Organized April 2, 1888.

Ella M. Nichols	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Juliet C. Dove	1888
§Martha Tomlinson	1889
‡M. H. Shrouds	1890
Addie E. Unangst (transferred to No. 34)	1891
Louisa Jackson	1892
Mary A. Richards	1893
§Amanda Henderson	1894
§Lucy Worstell	1895-96
Abbie Regnier	1897-98-99
Amanda Mitchell	1900-01
Mary A. Ditmars	1902-03-04
Abbie Regnier	1905
Jennie Probst	1906
Ruth Waters	1907-08-09
Jennie Probst	1910
Ella Nichols	1911-12
Mary A. Ditmer	Delegate
Lou Buckman	Alternate

F. M. THOMPSON CORPS NO. 153, LA PORTE CITY.

Organized March 31, 1888.

Lizzie Buchan	President
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Past Presidents.

Charlotte B. Morgan (transferred to No. 15)	1888-89-90
Adaline B. Waldorff	1891
Mary E. Young (transferred to No. 15)	1892
Adaline Waldorff	1893
§Mary Hurd	1894

‡Susan M. Smith	1895-96
Emma Hauger	1897-98
‡Nannie Young	1899
Emma Hauger	1900
Edith Adams	1901-02-03
Emma Hauger	1904
Edith Adams	1905-06
Lizzie Buchan	1907
§Rose Hazlett	1908
Lizzie Buchan	1909
*Lula Belle Esher	1910-11-12-13
Lulu Belle Esher	Delegate
Adaline Waldorf	Alternate

JAMES RANDOLPH CORPS NO. 154, INDIANOLA.

Organized April 3, 1888.

Mattie J. Berryhill.....	President
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Past Presidents.

Mary Ogg	1888
§Eliza Graham	1889
§Amy Barnes	1890
‡Louisa Todhunter	1891
§Delia Corbet	1892-93
Sarah E. Lough	1894
Lou K. Moore	1895
Lizzie Bishop	(transferred from No. 24)
Belle Freeman	1896
§Julia Goodman	1897
§Julia Elsen	1898
§Martha M. Bell	1899
Matilda Schofield (transferred to No. 140)	1900
Rebecca Storey	1901
Elizabeth Ige	1902
Elizabeth Boyer	1903-04
§Hannah Hall	1905
Emma Barker	1906
Ella R. Coe (transferred to No. 201)	1907-08-09-10
Clara C. Weldin	1911-12-13
*Mrs. Fred Harris	Delegate
Clara Weldin	Alternate

SAM RICE CORPS NO. 158, ATLANTIC.

Organized May 27, 1888.

Belle Pharos	President
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Past Presidents.

Kate Sears	1888
Frances Bell	1889
Mattie G. Murray (transferred)	1890
‡Susan Green	1891

Ellen Willis	1892-93
Helen Day	1894
Rose C. Williams	1895
Barbara L. Heiser	1896
‡Aurelia E. Bishop	1897
Anna Day (transferred)	1898
§Mary C. Lang	1899
Helen E. Day	1900
Mary Jane Vincent	1901-02
Mary McGrath	1903-04
Ellen W. Willis	1905
Belle Daniels	1906
Abbie Rowe	1907-08-09
§Emma Temple	1910
Mary Jane Vincent	1911-12
Belle Phares	1913
Belle Graham	Delegate
Carrie B. Seymour	Alternate

ANDREW MILLS CORPS NO. 161, ROLFE.

Re-organized May 22, 1893.

Addie Pike	President
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Past Presidents.

§Jennie M. Benson	1888
§Nellie Cooper	1889
‡Arminta Reed	1890
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§Lillian A. Bright	1894-95-96-97-98
Helen Chambers	1899
Philena Leithead	1900-01
Rhoda Lothian	1902
Lizzie Hall	1903
§Lillie Lothian	1904
Addie Schung	1905
Margaret Delle	1906-07
§Belle Coffin	1908
Margaret Delle	1909
Clara Cooper	1910
Margaret Delle	1911
Anna Wiley	1912
Addie Gibbons	1913
Addie Pike	Delegate
Clara Cooper	Alternate

HENRY DILLON CORPS NO. 163, EMMETSBURG.

Organized October 24, 1888.

Virginia Underwood	President
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Past Presidents.

§Helen Bostwick	1888-89
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Lucy F. Beckman	1890
†Cordelia Harrison	1891
†Kate M. Duncan	1892
Maria B. McCarthy	1893
§Ida M. Jones	1894
Bertha Stuehmer	1895-96
§Ellen Brunnemer	1897
Bertha Stuehmer	1898
Lucy F. Beckman	1899-1900-01
Belle Dickison	1902
Emily Keller	1903
Lucy F. Beckman	1904-05-06-07
Laura G. Schroeder	1908-09-10-11
Virginia Underwood	1912-13
Carrie Ellis	Delegate
Ida Baker	Alternate

MEMORIAL CORPS NO. 164, CRESCO.

Organized November 16, 1888.

*Susan Greenhalgh	President
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Past Presidents.

Louisa M. Barrett	1888-89
Celia Shumway	1890
Lucy Durgin	1891-92-93
Charlotte McIntosh	1894-95
Mary H. Howard	1896-97
Irene G. Adams	1898
Emma M. Whitney	1899
Charlotte McIntosh	1894-95
Kate Livingston	1902
Ida Andrus	1903
Ida Cornish	1904
May Ryan (transferred to Minnesota)	1905
Ida Cornish	1906-07
May Ryan	1908
Olive Register	1909-10
Minnie Harris	1911-12
Myrtle Yates	1913
*Jessie Gleason	Delegate
Hannah Enright	Alternate

GEN. BELL CORPS NO. 165, KINGSLEY.

Reorganized December 16, 1910.

Luella McCurdy	President
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Past Presidents.

§Mary A. Weisman	1888-89
†Julia Simons	1890-91
Lizzie Tallman	1892-93-94
Mantie Twogood	1895

§Sadie M Heald	1896
§Jennie N. Ward	1897-98
Alice Phillips (transferred)	1899-1900
§Jennie N. Ward	1901-02
Rebecca Edinger	1903-04
Rose Strayer	1905
Mary Williams	1906-07-08-09
Rebecca Mason	1910
Luella McCurdy	1911-12
Ellen Whitnell	1913
Grace E. Campbell	Delegate
Ellen Whitnell	Alternate

LAUNTZ CORPS NO. 166, IRETON.

Organized January 12, 1889.

Ada Stafford	President
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Past Presidents.

Sarah J. Parsons (transferred to No. 27)	1889-90-91
Frances R. Wing	1892-93
Frankie Post (transferred Dept. California)	1894
§Lenna A. Cobb	1895
§May Scott	1896-97
Mattie Wells	1898
‡Isabel Rogers	1899
Nellie Pryor (transferred Dept. California)	1900
Altivene Welch	1901
§Nellie Pryor	1902
‡Lizzie Cartone	1903
Olive Buck	1904
§May Scott	1905
‡Belle Rogers	1906
Belle Donnell	1907
Josephine Black	1908-09
Julia Hefferman	1910
Ella Thompson	1911
Altivene Welch	1912
Ada Stafford	1913
	Delegate
	Alternate

DECATUR CORPS NO. 167, DECATUR.

Organized January 9, 1889.

Catherine Donaldson	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Rebecca Negley	1889-90
Nellie Geeting	1891-92-93
Mollie Cherrington	1894
§Mattie Huston	1895

§Sarah B. Peck	1896
Phila Allen	1897
Nellie Geeting	1898-99
§Minnie Ward	1900
Cora Shelton	1901
Rachel P. Chamberlin	1902-03
Mollie Cherrington	1908
*Rachel P. Chamberlin	1909-10-11-12
Lizzie Cresswell	1913
Rachel Chamberlin	Delegate
Serepta Clearwater	Alternate

JOHN C. FERGUSON CORPS NO. 170, KNOXVILLE.

Organized January 22, 1889.

Anna V. Little	President
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Past Presidents.

Cynthia L. Mathews	1889
N. H. Kendig	1890
Artie Brobst	1891
Melcina Wright	1892-93
Jessie Bonebrake	1894-95
Cynthia L. Mathews	1896
†Sue L. Budd	1897-98
§Alice P. Craddick	1899
Sarah Jacob	1900
Anna B. Little	1901
Jessie Bonebrake	1902
Mary Spaid	1903
Melcina Wright	1904-05
Jennie M. Garretson	1906
Cynthia A. West	1907-08-09
Emma Amos	1910-11
Nellie Pierce Woodruff	(transferred from No. 27)
Ella Ghrist	1912
Anna V. Little	1913
*Hortense McQuillan	Delegate
*Jennie Inskeep	Delegate
Flora Buckles	Alternate
Martha Neeley	Alternate

JOHN DILLON CORPS NO. 171, MARENGO.

Organized January 25, 1889.

Annie Patterson	President
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Past Presidents.

†Mary V. Reno	1889-90-91
Laura Stover	1892
†Jennie H. Hedrick	1893-94
Mary Bauserman	1895

§Viola E. Brown	1896
Grace Latta (transferred)	1897
Phoebe Sweeney	1898
Fannie Raney	1899-1900
Josephine Lyons	1901
Minnie Gode	1902
Anna Patterson	1903-04
§Toledo Salisbury	1905
Carrie Shelly	1906
Emma Lyons	1907
Frankie Bricker	1908
*Mary C. McBride	1909
Mary Snavely	1910
Adda Richardson	1911
Effie Owen	1912-13
Mary McBride	Delegate
Alice Lacher	Alternate

McCRAY CORPS NO. 177, PRAIRIE CITY.

Organized February 19, 1889.

Minnie L. Norris	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Margaret B. Kingdom	1889
‡Maria A. Gifford	1890
Ellen Ward (transferred)	1891
Emma Woodward	1892
‡Mary Bryan	1893
§Sarah L. Feathers	1894-95
Anna Ryan	1896
Ella Yowell	1897-98-99-1900-01
Ellen Gill (transferred to Florida)	1902
Minnie Norris	1903
§Mamie Bryan	1904
Ella Yowell	1905-06
May Graham	1907
Ellen Gill	1908
Sue V. Brown	1909
Carrie Wiggin	1910
Ella Brous	1911
Anna M. Turner	1912
Nellie Taylor	1913
Sue V. Brown	Delegate
Amanda Kingdom	Alternate

HARLAN CORPS NO. 178, HARLAN.

Organized March 11, 1889.

Emily Laughman	President
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Past Presidents.

§Isabel Chouce	1889-90
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†Emily Ross	1891-92-93
§Amelia J. Meed	1894-95-96-97-98
Mary C. Morris	1899-1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11
Marietta Reynolds	1912-13
Marietta Reynolds	Delegate
.....	Alternate

ABE LINCOLN CORPS NO. 180, COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Organized April 3, 1889.

Emma Alexander	President
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Past Presidents.

Nettie Brown	1889
†Anna E. Campbell	1890
§Lou C. Searles	1891
§Eleanor Drew	1892
†Anna E. Campbell	1893-94
Stella Talbott	1895
Mary Shreves	1896
Mary Foster	1897
Favorette Wetherbee	1898
Estella Talbot	1899
Mary Hoon	1900
Mary Abbot	1901-02
Nettie Brown	1903-04-05
†Mattie E. Witter	1906-07
Mary Warren	1908
Eva Overmyer	1909
Esther Spencer	1910
Augusta Cook	1911
Amy C. Reed	(transferred from No. 146)
Nettie Brown	1912
Esther Spencer	1913
Esther Spencer	Delegate
*Annie E. Crocker	Alternate

McKENZIE CORPS NO. 181, SHELDON.

Organized May 7, 1889.

Dora Mayfield	President
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Past Presidents.

†Chloe E. Cole (transferred to No. 108)	1889-90
†Josephine Stone	1891-92-93
Belle J. Storey	1894
Sarah E. Allen (transferred)	1895-96
†Eugenia Gillespie	1897
Sue Heastand (transferred)	1898
†Rachel McClellan	1899
Celia A. Perry	1900
Eleanor L. Gibson	1901

§Althea O. Merrill	1902
‡Harriet Ward	1903-04
Dora Mayfield	1905-06
Elizabeth Hayes	1907
‡Eugenia Gillespie	1908-09
Harriet Ward	1910-11
Dora Mayfield	1912-13
Rebecca Farley	Delegate
Lida Robbins	Alternate

LENTZ CORPS NO. 183, FONTANELLE,**Organized May 21, 1889.**

Nettie Green	President
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Past Presidents.

Lizzie H. Kilburn	1889-90
Josephine Lunley	1891
Anna McDermid	1892-93
Fannie Raney	1894-95
Adah Stewart	1896
Teleda Salisbury	1897-98-99
Adah Stewart	1900
Minnie Scofield	1901-02-03
Candas Adams	1904-05
Sarah McCampbell	1906
Hattie Freeman	1907
Candas Adams	1908-09
Alice Launder	1910-11-12
Nettie Green	1913
Nellie Drake	Delegate
Ethel Fritz	Alternate

C. H. PACKARD CORPS NO. 184, RENWICK,**Organized May 25, 1889.**

Sarah Walkner	President
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Past Presidents.

Alice M. Gillespie	1889-90
Cassa Junkins	1891
‡Phoebe Trask	1892
Alice M. Gillespie	1893
Amy Starr	1894
§Mary A. Butler	1895
Anna Junkins	1896-97-98
Amy Starr	1899-1900-01-02
Celia Rice	1903
Amy Starr	1904-05-06-07-08
Emina J. Fisher	1909
Anna Junkins	1910
Amy Starr	1911

Sarah Minor	1912
Sarah M. Walkner	1913
Amy Starr	Delegate
Inez Merson	Alternate

HARTLEY CORPS NO. 189, HARTLEY.

Organized August 1, 1889.

Mary Charles	President
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Past Presidents.

Eliza A. Messer	1889-90-91
§Alice Miller	1892
Amanda Sitler	1893
Eliza A. Messer	1894
Nettie V. Stewart	1895
§Carrie Howard	1896-97
Eliza A. Messer	1898
Amanda Sitler	1899
Ida M. Conn	1900-01
Gertrude Medland	1902-03
§Lulu McElwaine	1904
Carrie Nelson	1905-06
Nina Sims	1907-08-09
Nettie V. Stewart	1910
Eliza A. Messer	1911
Gussie Metcalf	1912
Carrie M. Knapp	1913
Mary Charles	Delegate
Ruby Boyce	Alternate

JAMES BUTLER CORPS NO.190, CLARKSVILLE.

Organized September 28, 1889.

Flora Stevens	President
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Past Presidents.

†Margaret E. Burton	1889
§Nellie Thompson	1890
Lizzie Hickle	1891-92
Florella Cave	1893-94
Lizzie Hickle	1895
Katie Kephart	1896
Mary C. Turpitt	1897
Lizzie Hickle	1898
Ellen Penrose	1899-1900
Florella Cave	1901-02
Flora Stevens	1903
Sarah Bouton	1904-05
Sabra Molsberry	1906
Flora Stevens	1907
Mary Patterson	1908-09-10

Sabra Molsberry	1911
Ellen Penrose	1912-13
Pearl Neal	Delegate
Sarah Benton	Alternate

GEORGE W. S. DODGE CORPS NO. 192, NASHUA.**Organized October 10, 1889.**

Mary E. Noble	President
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Past Presidents.

†Rachel A. Jones	1889-90
Morella Parish	1891
Rachel Jones	1892
Morella Parish	1893
Julia Watt	1894
Morella Parish	1895-96-97
Zelia Noble (transferred)	1898-99-1900
†Emma Ogbin	1901
Zelia Noble	1902
†Catherine Belden	1903
Allie Foster	1904-05
Almeda Taylor	1906
Allie Foster	1907
Zelia Noble	1908
Almeda Taylor	1909
Morella Parish	1910
Mary E. Helms	1911
Marion Knight	1912
Mary E. Noble	1913
Jane Badger	Delegate
Morella Parish	Alternate

WM. B. GRIFFITH CORPS NO. 194, EAGLE GROVE.**Organized November 4, 1889.**

*Anna W. Thorup	President
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Past Presidents.

§Marjie S. Archer	1889-90
Millie R. Sidwell (transferred to No. 335)	1891
§Marjie S. Archer	1892
Amelia Brown	1893-94
Ethel Griffith	1895
§Diana Schoonover	1896-97-98
Laura France	1899-1900
Hannah Hathaway	1901
Della B. Conklings	1902
Laura France	1903
Diana Schoonover	1904
Hannah Hathaway	1905
Lydia Gardiner	1906
Mary Humphrey	1907

Grace Evans	1908
Minnie Beal	1909-10
Delia Conklings	1911
Phoebe Jones	(transferred from No. 60)
Anna W. Thorup	1912-13
Annie W. Thorup	Delegate
Nellie Boustead	Alternate

HENRY KEATING CORPS NO. 196, AFTON.

Organized January 8, 1890.

Lydia J. Corbin	President
Past Presidents.	

Rachel P. Crawford	1890
Jennie B. Keating	1891-92
Carrie Macomber (transferred to Dept. Colorado)	1893
SMary E. Dietrick	1894
Eliza Bird	1897
SMary L. Seeley	1898
Sarah Lutman	1899
Carrie Macomber	1900
SMary E. Dietrick	1901-02
Mary L. Seeley	1903-04
Mary Elwell	1905
Eliza Wiles	1906
C. M. Wright	1907
†Mary A. Delay	1908
†Emily Mosteller	1909
Effie B. Craig	1910-11
Mary Lamb	1912-13
Eliza Wiles	Delegate
Emma Palmer	Alternate

LANDER CORPS NO. 200, LAKE CITY.

Organized January 11, 1890.

Mabel Brown	President
Past Presidents.	

Martha Bangs	1890
†Roxie Smith	1891-92
Emma Fitch	1893-94
Lizzie S. Hutchinson	1895-96
Myrtle Losee	1897
Lizzie S. Hutchinson	1898
Cordelia Flinn (transferred to Illinois)	1899-1900
Phoebe Stewart	1901
Cora Swender	1902-03-04
†Maggie Gregory	1905
Lizzie Brown	1906
Lora Losee	1907
Martha L. Leonard	1908

Cora Swender	1909
Sarah E. Booth	1910
Fronia Oxenford	1911-12
Lucy Patterson	1913
Fronia Oxenford	Delegate
Mary Ketchum	Alternate

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN CORPS NO. 201, SAC CITY.**Organized February 24, 1890.**

*Ella Coe	President
Past Presidents.	

‡Dollie A. Armstrong	1890-91
Louise P. Parker	1892
‡Emeline L. Schaller	1893
Dollie A. Armstrong	1894
‡Rose M. Watt	1895
M. A. Brownell	1896
§Charlotte Palmer	1897
‡Dolile A. Armstrong	1898-99
Marie C. Healey	1900
‡Margaret R. Hawthorne	1901-02
§Athelia M. Gordon	1903
Martha Ingram	1904
Jennie Maule	1905-06
Catherine Schaller	1907
Louisa Schoenthal	1908
Mary A. Crouch	1909
Alice Van Vleet	1910-11
Hattie Johnson	(transferred from No. 20)
Delia Seitz Means	(transferred from No. 295)
‡Elizabeth Means	(transferred from Dept. Illinois)
Ella Coe	1912-13
Ella R. Coe	Delegate
Adah Cheney	Alternate

ROBERT ALLEN CORPS NO. 202, RIVERSIDE.**Organized March 11, 1890.**

Agnes Reha	President
Past Presidents.	

Nora Overfelt	1890-91
Mary Huntley	1892-93
Nora Overfelt	1894
‡Mary Huntley	1895
§Calla Brown	1896
Calla Brown Woodbur	1897
Laura Godlove	1898
Mary Druff (transferred to Dept. Kansas)	1899-1900-01
Laura Godlove	1902

*Carrie Iden	1903
\$Agnes Rankin	1904
Eldora McClusky (transferred to No. 26)	1905
Laura Godlove	1906
Irma Critz	1907
Laura Godlove	1908
Evaline Allen	1909
Jeanette McLaughlin	1910
May Flynn	1911-12
Agnes Reha	1913
*Carrie Iden	Delegate
Evelyn Allen	Alternate

S. F. JORDAN CORPS NO. 203, PRIMGAR.

Re-organized September 6, 1898.

Emily Powers	President
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Past Presidents.

Henrietta W. Acer	1890-91
Disbanded	1892
Jennie C. Semmons	1898-99
Emma J. Wicks	1900-01
Esther Winterble	1902
Samantha L. Rerick	1903-04
Emma Wicks	1905-06
Mary Seeley	1907
Emma Wicks	1908
Samantha L. Rerick	1909
Ida Bunce	1910
Samantha L. Rerick	1911
Emma J. Wicks	1912
Ella Irving	1913
Emily Powers	Delegate
Mattie Rerick	Alternate

MYERHOFF CORPS NO. 205, NODAWAY.

Organized May 3, 1890.

Stella Shiffer	President
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Past Presidents.

Cynthia Boo	1890-91-92
Martha J. Fravell	1893
Sarah Shiffer	1894
Ella Beatty	1895
Florence Agnew	1896-97
Virginia Johnson	1898
Florence Agnew	1899
Martha Fravell	1900
Sarah Kennedy	1901
Ella Beatty	1902

§Florence Agnew	1903
Sarah Kennedy	1904-05
Martha Segriff	1906
Martha Fravell	1907-08
Orinthia E. Booé	1909
Sarah Kennedy	1910-11
Mattie E. Kernan	1912-13
Mattie E. Kernan	Delegate
Orynthia Booé	Alternate

LEON CORPS NO. 206, LEON.

Organized May 9, 1890.

*Anna E. Brown	President
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Past Presidents.

†Sarah J. George	1890-91
Frances S. Jenks	1892
§Anna Allen	1893-94
Bessie Cross	1895-96
Anna Allen	1897
Emma F. Harvey	1898
Anna Allen	1899-1900
Bessie Cross	1901
Hannah Lorey	1902
Frances Jenks	1903-04
Arminta Van Derley (transferred to No. 102)	1905-06
†Marie Crouse	1907
Hannah L. Evans	1908
Anna E. Brown	1909
Hannah Evans	1910-11
Anna E. Brown	1912-13
Hannah L. Evans	Delegate
Olivia J. Merwin	Alternate

TRACY CORPS NO. 207, GUTHRIE CENTER.

Organized May 9, 1890.

Jane McLuen	President
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Past Presidents.

†Amelia A. Taylor	1890
†Ellen Lyons	1891-92
§Welathy Brumbaugh	1893-94
Mary J. Hill	1895-96-97
§Mary Hammond	1898
†Serena Sowell	1899
§Julia Mercer	1900
Jane Dowd (transferred to Dept Colorado)	1901
Julia Mercer	1902
Olivia Biggs	1903
Julia Mercer	1904

Nancy Wilson	1905
Jane Dowd	1906-07
Etna Lamon	1908
Elizabeth Smith	1909-10
Jennie Sayre	1911-12
Jane McLuen	1913
*Lou Moore	Delegate
Mary Trent	Alternate

JAMES C. TAYLOR CORPS NO. 208, ALGONA.

Organized May 22, 1890.

Armeda E. Stewart	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Dona L. Sheetz	1890-91
‡Mary A. Vincent	1892
Cornelia Dodd	1893
Nannie E. Setchell	1894
‡Mary E. Taylor	1895
Harriet E. Stacy	1896
Hattie M. Reed(transferred to No. 27)	1897
Lydia C. Dodge	1898
Hannah Teller (transferred to Washington)	1899
Sarah McCoy	1900
*Hattie L. Gilbert	1901
*Ella Laird	1902
§Mary G. Mason	1903
Mary Taylor	1904
Joan Pettibone	1905
Laura Robinson (transferred to No. 26)	1906
Jane Chapin	1907
Nellie Bowyer	1908
§Lillian Norton	1909
Jane Chap'n	1910
*Emma C. Spear	1911
Julia F. Brace	1912
Mary E. Parker	1913
Ella Laird	Delegate
Hattie L. Gilbert	Alternate

SHIELDS CORPS NO. 210, DUNLAP.

Organized June 17, 1890.

Mina Cover	President
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Past Presidents.

§Rachel L. Childs	1890-91
‡Anna Patterson	1892
Mina Van Slyke	1893-94
Hannah Servis	1895
‡Electa Dean	1896

§Mary Wood	1897
Hattie Randall (transferred)	1898
§Pearl Brady	1899
Mina Van Slyke	1900
Sarah Cook	1901
§Lola Colwell Houts	1902
Jennie McElroy Tank (transferred)	1903
‡Jane Nash	1904
Tessie Jones	1905
§Mary Moorehead	1906
Eila Taylor	1907
Iza Anderson (transferred)	1908
Nellie Elbert	1909
Effie Schleinsig	1910-11
Mattie Palmer	1912
Nellie Elbert	1913
*Lena D. Peters	Delegate
Florence Davie	Alternate

HENRY SIEBERT CORPS NO. 212, WILTON JUNCTION.

Organized June 25, 1890.

Amelia T. Allen	President
Past Presidents.	

§Elizabeth Mortgrage	1890
Frances Cooling	1891-92
‡Alice Conant	1893-94
§Alice Carter	1895
Elizabeth Mortgrage	1896
Mary E. Wise	1897
§Fannie Cooling	1898-99
Mary E. Wise	1900-01
Myrtle Marshall	1902-03
Sarah J. Dawson	1904
Myrtle Marshall	1905
Mary E. Wise	1906
Myrtle Marshall	1907
Maud Edge	1908
Mary E. Wise	1909-10-11-12
Amelia T. Allen	1913
Mrs. Frank Fulton	Delegate
Amelia T. Allen	Alternate

EMERSON CORPS NO. 214, EMERSON.

Organized August 14, 1890.

Luella Gilmore	President
Past Presidents.	

Sarah McDill (transferred)	1890-91
‡Sarah Strickler	1892-93-94-95

‡Emma Fuller	1896-97
Jennie Davis	1898
‡Sarah Strickler	1899-1900
Alice Douglass	1901-02-03
§Kate Hicks	1904
Minnie Jones	1905-06
Ida Steen	1907-08
Emma K. Rhodes	1909
Alice Douglas	1910
Luella Gilmore	1911-12-13
Luella Gilmore	Delegate
Ida Steen	Alternate

VANDERPOEL CORPS NO. 215, MITCHELL.

Organized August 26, 1890.

Emma Piper	President
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Past Presidents.

Emily A. Vanderpoel	1890-91
Emma V. Strouse	1892
Mary Aldrich	1893
Villa Leonard	1894
Rebecca George	1895
Elizabeth J. Chambers	1896
Hannah Horsefall	1897
Emily Vanderpoel	1898
Emma A. Drake	1899-1900
Josephine Horner	1901
Lizzie Wilkins	1902
Emma Piper	1903
Mary L. Morehouse	1904
Mary Aldrich	1905
Alice Grettensburg	1906-07
Emily Vanderpoel	1908-09-10-11
Emma Piper	1912-13
	Delegate
	Alternate

EATON CORPS NO. 216, WOODBINE.

Organized August 20, 1890.

Grace K. DeCou	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Mary E. Clark	1890
Mary Cleveland	1891-92
Camilla Hall	1893-94
Ida M. Hass	1895
Ellen Mathis (transferred to Colorado)	1896-97
Mary A. Tuttle	1898-99
Minnie Hesfin (transferred)	1900

Camilla Hall	1901-02
Nora M. Cox (transferred to California)	1903-04
Mary A. Tuttle	1905-06-07
Camilla Hall	1908-09-10
Mary A. Tuttle	1911
Clara J. Ford	1912
Rose Yager	1913
Etta Copeland	Delegate
Camilla Hall	Alternate

WM. BEAVER CORPS NO. 220, TIPTON.

Organized November 25, 1890.

Dora Vanmeeter	President
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Past Presidents.

Helen E. Longley (transferred to No. 15)	1890-91
†Nancy J. Dean	1892-93
Anna Smith	1894
Eva Reeder	1895
Melinda Neeley (transferred to Nebraska)	1896-97
Louise Bossert	1898-99
\$Marian Russell	1900
Lena Seitsinger	1901-02-03
Eunice Foy	1904
Anna Smith	1905-06
Anna Bagley	1907-08
Flora Porter	1909-10
Lena Seitsinger	1911
Flora Porter	1912-13
*Flora Porter	Delegate
Florence Smith	Alternate

ED. CARRIS CORPS NO. 221, KEOTA.

Organized November 15, 1890.

*Vionna J. Sharp	President
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Past Presidents.

Mary E. McFarland	1890
§Emmior Campbell	1891-92
†Mary Wilcox	1893
†M. E. Clark	1894
Nettie L. Eaton	1895
Eilen McFarland	1896
§Emmior Campbell	1897-98
Mary E. McFarland	1899-1900
Emma B. Wright	1901
Mary E. McFarland	1902-03
Emma B. Wright	1904-05
Telva A. Holmes	1906-07
Fay R. Thomson	1908

Ciara Henry	1909
Laura Shrader	1912
Fay R. Thomson	1910-11
Emma B. Wright	1913
Vionna Sharp	Delegate
Fay R. Thomson	Alternate

FRANK NOLAN CORPS NO. 222, RUSSELL.

Organized December 6, 1890.

Hester Kimmouth	President
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Past Presidents.

\$Mary C. Grayson	1890-91-92-93
Margaret Irvine	1894-95
\$Mary C. Grayson	1896
Jennie Pyle	1897
Ellen A. Boyd	1898-99-1900
Emeline Goltry	1901
Ellen A. Boyd	1902-03-04
†Mary J. Cook	1905-06
Ellen A. Boyd	1907-08-09-10
Hester Kinmouth	1911-12-13
*Esther Walker	Delegate
Emma Cotter	Alternate

JOHN DAVIS CORPS NO. 224, JESUP.

Organized January 24, 1891.

Eva Kenneally	President
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Past Presidents.

Abby D. Rich	1891-92
Ellen Ennis	1893
Abby D. Rich	1894-95
Fannie K. Frink	1896
Katherine Brown	1897-98-99
Lucinda Tunks	1900
Almyra Goen (transferred)	1901
Hattie Searles	1902
Ellen Ennis	1903-04-05-06
Maria Rich	1907
Fannie K. Frink	1908-09
Amelia Salisbury	1910-11
Eva Kenneally	1912-13
.....	Delegate
.....	Alternate

HOWE CORPS NO. 227, BRITT.

Organized February 3, 1891.

Ella S. Guy	President
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Past Presidents.

Clara Nicols (transferred to South Dakota)	1891
Lillie H. Healey	1892-93
Nancy Barr (transferred to No. 6)	1894
§Helen Brown	1895
Ida I. Duff (transferred to No. 72)	1896
§Della Palmer	1897
‡Emma H. Carey	1898-99
Emma H. Castle	1900
Emma Mudgett	1901-02
Eliza K. Miller	1903-04
‡Kate Brown	1905
Lucy Shriver (transferred)	1906
Ruth Garthwait	1907-08
Laura A. Pettersen	1909-10
Maggie Hales	1911-12
Ella S. Guy	1913
Hattie Mackin	Delegate
Laura B. Rood	Alternate

ROBERT OLSTEAD CORPS NO. 228, NEW HARTFORD.

Organized February 14, 1891.

Mary Bennett	President
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Past Presidents.

Rosina C. Plummer	1891-92
Margaret Hemmerling (transferred to No. 26)	1893
‡Sarah B. Martin	1894-95-96
Emma Fitch	1897
Rosina C. Plummer	1898-99
Maria J. Peck (transferred)	1900
Rosina C. Plummer	1901-02-03
Alta D. Dove	1904-05
Emma Ramsay	1906-07
Eva Wright	1908-09
Rosina C. Plummer	1910-11-12
Almina Morrison	1913

BELDEN CORPS NO. 230, MISSOURI VALLEY.

Organized March 6, 1891.

Abbie A. Davis	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Clara A. Davis	1891
Mary E. Boies	192
§Mary G. Sniff	1893
Clara A. Davis	1894
‡Inez F. Foster	1895
Ella L. Crowder	1896-97

Clara A. Davis	1898-99
Josie Rainbow	1900
Emma Newfind	1901
Anna F. Lord (transferred)	1902
Eliza L. Waters	1903-04
Margaret E. Myers	1905
Emma Newfind	1906
Emma E. Emmery	1907
Carrie Colenso	1908-09
Lea N. Smith	1910
Lizzie Tucker	1911
Margaret Myers	1912
Abbie A. Davis	1913
*Lillian Morgan	Delegate
Margaret E. Meyers	Alternate

HOWLAND CORPS NO. 232, LOHRVILLE.

Organized April 11, 1891.

Nellie McDonald	President
Past Presidents.	

Louisa Hicks	1891-92-93
Betsy Smith	1894-95
Nellie McDonald	1896
Mary E. Eberhart	1897
Sophie McCready	1898-99-1900
Nellie A. Patton	1901
Lucy Carlton	1902
Nora Cline	1903
Mary E. Eberhart	1904-05-06-07
Nellie McDonald	1908-09
Sarah Hibbard	1910-11
Nellie McDonald	1912-13

T. F. BRADFORD CORPS NO. 234, TAMA.

Organized April 15, 1891.

Hattie R. Knights	President
Past Presidents.	

Ella A. Anderson	1891-92
†Sarah Bentley	1893
Clara Gadbury	1894
†Matilda Morrison	1895
Lottie Gadbury	1896
§Clara E. Bromley	1897-98
§Lottie Gadbury	1899
§Katie Luethye	1900
§Ruth Brown	1901
Clara Gadbury	1902
Frances Posegate Cory	1903-04

Clara Gadbury	1905
Ella J. Shoff	1906
Mary Kallum	1907
Mary A. Walker	1908
Mary Bell	1909
Mary Cory	1910
Ellen J. Bard	1911-12
Louisa Frahm	1913
*Mary Kallam	Delegate
Clara Gadbury	Alternate

JOHN MILLER CORPS NO. 242, ST. CHARLES.

Organized January 14, 1892.

Mamie Anderson	President
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Past Presidents.

§Jennie Browne	1892-93
‡Persis Smith	1894-95-96
Belle Irvin	1897-98-99
Louisa Johnson	1900
§Laura Sayre	1901
‡Adeline Carman	1902-03-04
‡Kate Avery Marcerol	1905-06
Mollie Roberts	1907-08
Belle Irvin	1909
*Amanda Chronicle	1910
Margaret Armstrong	1911
Virginia Brown	1912
*Ella Winters	1913
Ella Winters	Delegate
Louisa Johnston	Alternate

FONDA CORPS NO. 243, FONDA.

Organized December 18, 1891.

Lucy Johnson	President
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Past Presidents.

Lou M. Hornaday	1892
Julia Wilkinson	1893
‡Loresta Sanborn	1894
‡Susie H. Mallinson	1895-96
‡Mary M. Haven	1897
Loresta Sanborn	1898
Lucy Johnson	1899-1900
Helen M. Hull (transferred to Dept. California)	1901
Delia A. Raymond	1902
Lucy Johnson	1903
Delilah Osborn	1904-05-06
Delia Raymond	1907
Lucy Johnson	1908

Mable Wright	1909-10
Delilah Osborn	1911
Nettie B. Karr	1912-13
Helen G. Cotton	Delegate
Maggie Hartung	Alternate

WILSON CORPS NO. 244, GRUNDY CENTER.

Organized January 11, 1892.

Helen F. Walker	President
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Past Presidents.

§Louise M. Anderson	1892
§Margaret E. Sargent (transferred to No. 11)	1893-94-95
‡Laura A. Knapp	1896
Mary J. Eaton (transferred to No. 15)	1897-98
Cornelia E. Bourne	1899
*Laura A. Boysen	1900
§Sallie M. Reynolds	1901-02
Melvina B. Laybourn	1903-04
Emma C. Wass	1905-06
*Anna Metzger	1907-08-09-10
Melvina B. Laybourn	1911
Elsie V. Stevens	1912
“Jennie R. Kelley	1913
“Mary E. Mutch	Delegate
Jennie R. Kelley	Alternate

JAMES BIDDLECOME CORPS NO. 245, AKRON.

Organized February 20, 1892.

Mary E. Lias	President
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Past Presidents.

Sarah J. Parsons (transferred to No. 27)	1892-93
§Minnie Ruble	1894
Bede D. Barr	1895
§Daisy A. Peters	1896-97
Maggie Wise	1898-99
†Hester Kenaston	1900-01
Anna Visnow	1902
‡Nettie Carlyle	1903
§Vira Baker	1904-05
Maggie Wise	1906-07
Sarah A. Lyons	1908
Maggie Wise	1909-10
Elsie B. Wade	1912-13
Mary Lias	Delegate
*Jessie Warner	Delegate
†Elsie B. Wade	Alternate
Minnie Vanderbuk	Alternate

BURNSIDE CORPS NO. 250, SHENANDOAH.

Organized March 18, 1892.

*Lizzie B. Crane President

Past Presidents.

§Celesta Field	1892-93
§Clara Rockafield	1894
†Mattie Bailey	1895
§Belle Duke	1896
Elizabeth Greer (transferred to No. 154)	1897
§Themis Scholl	1898
Lizzie Crane	1899
§Ella Humphrey	1900
§Eliza Damewood	1901-02
§Ella G. Castle	1903-04
Mary S. Baily	1905-06
Dora Hindman (transferred to Nebraska)	1907
Jennie Deighton	1908
Alice C. Ratekin	1909-10
Laura B. Hale	1911
Belle F. Bryte	1912-13
*Lizzie B. Crane	Delegate
*Jennie J. Green	Alternate

GEORGE H. THOMAS CORPS NO. 251, JEFFERSON.

Organized April 16, 1892.

Henrietta Sayers President

Past Presidents.

M. Dyle Mills	1892-93-94
Maggie Austin	1895
Rhoda Miller	1896
§Minnie Black	1897-98
Mariah King	1899-1900
Frona Shipman	1901-02
*Naomi Bradley	1903-04-05
Martha Custer	1906
Naomi Bradley	1907
Rosetta Troxell	1908
Cecilia Barkley	1909
Flora Brian	1910
Vina E. Delaplane	1911-12
Jennie Daggett	1913
*Eva Head	Delegate
Flora E. Brian	Alternate

A. W. DRIPPS CORPS NO. 253, MAQUOKETA.

Organized April 23, 1892.

Minnie Miller President

Past Presidents.

‡Lou Trout	1892
§Emma L. Rice	1893
‡Amanda Carson	1894
Fannie Glaser	1895-96
Lydia Johnson	1897
Mary Cain	1898-99-1900
Sarah Macomber	1901-02
Amy Burns	1903
‡Anna L. Allison	1904-05
Mattie Cook	1906
Josie Gurins	1907-08-09
Mary Buchanan	1910-11-12
Minnie Miller	1913
Minnie Miller	Delegate
*Eliza Riggs	Alternate

JOHN A. BUCK CORPS NO. 254, LISBON.**Organized May 6, 1892.**

Helen Fouse	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Lizzie Barnacle	1892-93
Mary S. Smith	1894
§Emma Downing	1895
Mary S. Smith	1896
§Katherine Stahl	1897
Emma Downing	1898-99
Mary S. Smith	1900-01-02-03
§Eva McClelland	1904-05-06
§Louise Blessing	1907
Mary S. Smith	1908-09
Mary Kenderdine	1910-11
Mary S. Smith	1912
Helen Fouse	1913
Mrs. W. C. Stuckslager	Delegate
Mrs. Bertha Fouse	Delegate
Janet Barnes	Alternate
*Lora Moore	Alternate

E. D. BAKER CORPS NO. 256, STORM LAKE.**Organized June 10, 1892.**

Mrs. Louisa A. Clark	President
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Past Presidents.

Sybil J. Kerlin	1892
‡Mary K. Tower	1893-94
Adelia Currier	1895
Celia A. Bowers	1896

Mary L. James	1897
‡Clara E. Reed	1898
Margaret Hanks	1899
Laura Harlan	1900-01
Emma A. Moore	1902-03
Louise A. Clark	1904
Lizzie Brown	1905-06
Mary J. Totman	1907
Mary Bierden	1908-09
Mary J. Totman	1910
Laura N. Kaufman	1911-12
Grace Stevens	1913
Mary Bierden	Delegate
Lizzie Brown	Alternate

MONONA CORPS NO. 257, MONONA.

Organized July 21, 1892.

Alice Mason	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Abbie Slitor	1892-93
Kate Otis	1894
Lavonia Littler	1895
Esther Davis	1896
Sarah Nelings	1897-98
Ciara Curtis	1899-1900-01
Sarah Nelings	1902
‡Jennie Wellman	1903
Elizabeth Casady	1904
Clara Curt's	1905
Sara Gilbert	1906
Sarah Nelings	1907
Parma O. Wilson	1908
Clara Curtis	1909
Parma O. Wilson	1910
Lizzie Russell	1911-12
Alice Mason	1913
Parma O. Wilson	Delegate
Julia Howard	Alternate

HIRAM STEELE CORPS NO. 258, EDGEWOOD.

Organized August 27, 1892.

Mary J. King	President
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Past Presidents.

‡E. R. Kinsie	1892
Violet Perry	1893
Julia Hubbell	1894
Cynthia Robinson	1895
Alvira Newman	1896-97-98-99-1900

Martha Garrison (transferred to Missouri).....	1901
Ellen J. Burgin	1902
Effie Maxson	1903
Alvira Newman	1904
Jane Sevey	1905
Eva Rhines	1906
*Ellein J. Burgin	1907-08-09-10
Maria R. Sims	1911-12
Ardell Duncan	1913
Mary J. King	Delegate
Effie Maxson	Alternate

OPEDYKE CORPS NO. 261, ROCKWELL CITY.

Organized November 18, 1892.

Sadie K. Meade	President
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Past Presidents.

‡Jennie F. Babcock	1892
‡Minerva Gregg	1893
‡Elinor Thorne	1894
Ruth B. Condron	1895
Esther C. Burch	1896
May Babcock	1897
‡Estella Shew	1898-99
§Anna Carrier	1900
‡Estella Shew	1901
§Frances Hoskins	1902
Katie Randall	1903-04-05
Ruth B. Condron	1906
Ella Glaze	1907
Emma R. Risely	1908
Lillie Toms	1909-10
Ruth B. Condron	1911-12
*Roberta Squaires	1913
Roberta Squaires	Delegate
Mary Birch	Alternate

E. B. TOWNSEND CORPS NO. 263, BLOOMFIELD.

Re-organized April 7, 1894.

Margaret Senseny	President
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Past Presidents.

Orinda E. Appleton	1892-93-94
Helena Stevens	1895-96
Orinda E. Appleton	1897
Susan Jones	1898
Edith M. Appleton	1899-1900
Nellie Lain	1901-02
Ellen Eichelberger	1903-04
Orinda Appleton	1905

Rebecca Duckwory	1906
Orinida Appleton	1907
Mattie Reagin	1908-09
Mary Rankin	1910-11
*Lucy Gilbert	(transferred)
Ida Carmichael	1912-13
*Emma Doke	Delegate
Ida Carmichael	Alternate

GARFIELD CORPS NO. 264, RED OAK.

Organized January 4, 1893.

Lizzie J. Keckley	President
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Past Presidents.

Lizzie Harding	1893-94-95
§Laura Pogue	1896-97
§Mary Dearborn	1898-99-1900
Esther Rose	1901-02
Isabella Rogers	1903-04
‡Amanda Martin	1905-06
Theresa Woodard	1907
Lizzie Keckley	1908-09
Myra Murphy	1910
Carrie Wolf	1911
*Julia I. Jennings	1912-13
Julia I. Jennings	Delegate
Lida Soliday	Delegate
Maude Pilkington	Alternate
Elva Liebel	Alternate

MARSHALL CORPS NO. 267, REDFIELD.

Re-organized June 6, 1911.

Flora M. Martin	President
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Past Presidents.

Emma P. Bundy	1893
Nancy Martin	1894-95
Anna Parker	1896
Nancy B. Winter	1897-98-99
Disbanded	
Jessie Lamb	1911-12
Flora M. Martin	1913
Ora Ober	Delegate
Jessie Lamb	Alternate

A. P. HOVEY CORPS NO. 269, MONMOUTH.

Organized August 28, 1893.

Martha J. Bristol	President
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Past Presidents.

§Mary E. Scott	1893
‡Nettie Potter	1894-95-96
Frances Cook	1897-98
‡Nettie Potter	1899
‡Frances Cook	1900
‡Nettie Potter	1901-02
Hattie Bristol	1903
‡Frances Cook	1904-05
§Eliza Perry	1906
‡Frances Cook	1907
‡Mary E. Ripley	1908
Anna Belcher	1909
Hattie Bristol	1910-11
Alta D. Heath	1912
Martha J. Bristol	1913
Martha Bristol	Delegate
Alta Heath	Alternate

JAMES WELCH CORPS NO. 270, ORIENT.

Re-organized January 30, 1914.

Emma D. Treichler	President
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KENYON CORPS NO. 271, SANBORN.

Organized November 2, 1893.

Josephine Hoffman	President
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Past Presidents.

§Mattie Owen	1893
§Mary Hamilton	1894
Lenna Coleman Leaming (transferred to Dept. Montana)	1895
Louisa Johnson	1896
§Mary Kerberg	1897
§Maggie Eldredge	1898
§Mary Correll	1899
Mary Coleman (transferred to South Dakota)	1900
Mary Kings	1901
§Kate Gibbs	1902
‡Mamie Merwin	1903
Hattie Vanderlip	1904
Lucelia Melvin	1905-06
Martha Willcox (transferred to Oregon)	1907-08
Martha Kissler	1909-10
Jessie Johnston	1911
Dora Flint	1912
Emma Wright	1913
Jessie Johnston	Delegate
Minnie Hoffman	Alternate

WINTHROP CORPS NO. 276, WINTHROP.**Organized February 5, 1894.**

Lora Fernald President

Past Presidents.

Rebecca Bucher	1894-95
Mary E. Eddy	1896
Lora Fernald	1897-98
Rebecca Bucher	1899-1900-01-02-03-04-05
Dora Hovey	1906
Rebecca Bucher	1907
Susan Moore	1908
‡Alice Gillett	1909
Dora Hovey	1910
Laura G. Eddy	1911
Rebecca Bucher	1912-13
Eva Schemerhorn	Delegate
Esther Umbehamn	Alternate

HENRY WALTON CORPS NO. 277, GARDEN GROVE.**Organized February 6, 1894.**

Julia Thomas President

Past Presidents.

Lura Sullivan	1894-95
§Hattie Webster	1896
§Eliza Jordan	1897-98
Kate Macey	1899-1900
Lizzie Brown	1901-02-03
Julia Thomas	1904-05-06-07-08
Elizabeth A'en	1909
Julia Thomas	1910-11-12-13
Julia Thomas	Delegate
L. May Waters	Alternate

NEWELL CORPS NO. 278, NEWELL.**Organized February 10, 1894.**

Nora D. Williams President

Past Presidents.

Maggie Doxsee (transferererd to No. 161)	1894
†Ada L. Davie	1895-96-97
§Lucy Ellis	1898-99
§Ida Davie	1900-01
Nora D. Williams	1902
Corrine P. Davie	1903-04
Lottie Robinson	1905
Ida Cunningham	1906

Corrine P. Davie	1907
Ida Davie	1908
Martha Conklin	1909
Nora D. Williams	1910-11-12-13
Nora Williams	Delegate
Ida Cunningham	Alternate

P. M. CODER CORPS NO. 279, VINTON.

Organized February 13, 1895.

Linda Correll	President
Past Presidents.	

†Mary Palmer	1894-95
§Eliza Edmunds	1896
†Sarah Bloodgood	1897
Ellen Markham	1898
§Jennie Bauman	1899
§Emma Chesner	1900
†Sadie Evan	1901-02
§Angie Coovert	1903-04
Susan Crow	1905-06
Cora Kellogg	1907
Adeline Bail	1908
Susan Brewer	1909
Sarah Beresford	1910
Neva White	1911
Mary Forrester	1912
Linda Correll	1913
Emeline Thompson	Delegate
Adaline Ball	Alternate

GRIFFITH CORPS NO. 281, OELWEIN.

Organized February 21, 1894.

*Emma D. Sayles	President
Past Presidents.	

Clara A. White	1894-95
†Alice Pattison	1896
Susan McGuire	1897-98
Jennie Cammack	1899
Susan McGuire	1900
Hattie Fish	1901-02
Emma D. Sayles	1903
Hattie Fish	1904
*Susan McGuire	1905
Jennie Cammack	1906
Eva Mead	1907-08
Ida Dewey (transferred to Wisconsin)	1909-10
*Susan McGuire	1911-12-13
Susan McGuire	Delegate
Sarah Tiffany	Alternate

FULLER CORPS NO. 283, LOGAN.

Organized March 13, 1894.

Cornelia McGrew President

Past Presidents.

‡Margaret M. Stewart	1894-95
§Mary A. Milliman	1896
Emma Edwards (transferred to Dept. Idaho)	1897
Elizabeth Aiston	1898
Margaret M. Stewart	1899
Mary E. Helm (transferred to Dept. California)	1900
Harriet Creager	1901
‡Sarah Baker	1902
Lydia Brayton	1903
Emma Huntley	1904
Emma Edwards (transferred)	1905
Alice M. Davis	1906-07
Miranda Penrod	1908
Alice M. Davis	1909-10
Etta Holdridge	1911
Pauline S. Cartnell	(transferred from No. 293)
Annie Pratt	1912
Cornelia McGrew	1913
*Nora Lusk	Delegate
Alice M. Davis	Alternate

PHIL KEARNEY CORPS NO. 286, OSKALOOSA.

Organized April 14, 1894.

*Lulu C. White President

Past Presidents.

‡Zerilla Worth	1894
Louisa A. Rice	1895
Jane Jackson (transferred to Dept. Ohio)	1896
*Mattie Hedden	1897
§Columbia Ellis	1898
*Adelaide C. Bass	1899
Martha Black	1900
*Ida Wortman	1901-02-03
§Harriet M. Cruzen	1904
Ida Wortman	1905
*Flora E. Pond	1906-07
‡Clara A. Hamilton	1908
*Anna E. Pearson	1909
Lulu C. White	1910
*Mary A. Airy	1911
Lue L. Flewwelling	1912
Lydia Broyles	1913
*Ida Wortman	Delegate
Mattie S. Hedden	Alternate

ANNETTE CORPS NO. 287, SPENCER.

Organized April 18, 1894.

Chloe M. Round President

Past Presidents.

‡Helen A. McQueen	1894-95
§Etta Dye	1896
Julia A. McConnell	1897
Grace Goodall	1898
§Mary Stokes	1899
Jennie Yates	1900-01
§Lucy Painter	1902
Lillie Patterson	1903
Jennie Bender	1904-05
Grace N. Goodall	1906
‡Ada Stephenson	1907
Jennie Bender	1908-09-10
Jennie Yates	1911-12
Chloe M. Round	1913
Sophie Doty	Delegate
*Sarah Griggs	Alternate

A. W. YOUNG CORPS NO. 289, RICEVILLE.

Organized June 9, 1894.

Barbara Shrode President

Past Presidents.

Laura Smith	1894-95
Fidelia Hocum	1896-97-98
Laura Smith	1899
Fidelia Hocum	1900
Emma Nicholson	1901-02
Addie E. St. John	1903-04-05-06-07
Arminda C. Drew	1908-09
Barabara Shrode	1910-11-12
	Delegate
	Alternate

BEDSAUL CORPS NO. 293, MAGNOLIA.

Organized October 13, 1894.

Annie Kilts President

Past Presidents.

§Mary J. Weed	1894
Cornelia Oviatt	1895-96
§Esther A. Clark	1897
Pauline S. Cartnell (transferred to No. 283)	1898
Jeanette Mills	1899

Anna Patterson	1900-01
Esther A. Clark	1902
Bessie E. Dewell	1903
Anna Patterson	1904-05
May Spires	1906
Dora Murphy	1907-08
Anna Patterson	1909
Edna Murphy	1910
Bertha Leach	1911
Anna Patterson	1912
Effie Brown	1913
	Delegate
	Alternate

E. H. KEYES CORPS NO. 294, MINGO.

Organized October 16, 1894.

Mary Westfall	President
Past Presidents.	

Nancy J. Clark	1894-95
Clara Watt	1896-97
Jennie Westfall	1898-99
Mary Solomon (transferred to No. 120)	1900
Burtress M. Baker	1901-02
Jennie Knostman	1903
Nancy Clark	1904
Georgia Rose	1905-06-07
Mary Westfall	1908-09-10-11
Burtress M. Baker	1912
Mary Westfall	1913
Katie Poobaugh	Delegate
Allie Adams	Altermate

H. J. SIMPSON CORPS NO. 295, LAKE VIEW AND WALL LAKE.

Organized December 7, 1894.

Etta J. Wilson	President
Past Presidents.	

Mary Dano	1894-95
Della Seitz	1896-97
Etta Wilson	1898
Della Seitz (transferred to No. 201)	1899
Etta Wilson	1900-01
H. Amanda Peck	1902
Etta Wilson	1903-04
Ethel B. Hayden	1905
Nellie Morgenson	1906
Clara Stambaugh	1907-08
Etta J. Wilson	1909-10
Hattie Tiffany	1911

Alice S. Peters	1912
Jennie H. Porter	1913
Mrs. H. A. Peck	Delegate
Etta J. Wilson	Alternate

RANDALL CORPS NO. 297, NORTHWOOD.

Organized November 8, 1894.

Almeda Randall	President
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Past Presidents.

Dinah Bolton	1894-95-96
Gertrude Merrill	1897-98
§Mable Hamilton	1899-1900
‡Lydia Beach	1901-02
‡Betsie Cole	1903
Jean Sawin	1904
Ella Pixley	1905-06
Dinah Bolton	1907
Anna M. Scofield	1908-09-10
Ella Pixley	1911-12
Clarissa Perkins	1913
*Jean R. Sawin	Delegate
Jane Perkins	Alternate

LOOKOUT CORPS NO. 299, DUBUQUE.

Re-organized March 11, 1911.

*Thereisa Schetgen	President
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Past Presidents.

§Sidney L. Smith	1894-95-96-97
Josephine Frost (transferred to No. 37)	1898-99-1900-01
§Florence Moy	1902
Josephine Frost	1903-04-05-06-07-08-09-10
Ollie Frazier	1911
Theresia Schetgen	1912-13
*Martha Morgan	Delegate
Alice Hohenadle	Alternate

MULLIGAN CORPS NO. 303, SHEFFIELD.

Organized February 20, 1895.

Anna M. Parker	President
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Past Presidents.

§Mary C. Vernon	1895
§Tillie Bruce	1896-97
Minnie Knesel	1898
Tillie Bruce	1899
Nettie L. Barney	1900

Mary J. Minor	1901-02
Ella Calahan	1903-04
Mary J. Minor	1905-06
Carrie A. Selts	1907
Mary J. Minor	1908-09
Maria M. Perrin	1910-11-12
Anna M. Parker	1913
Mrs. Chichester	Delegate
Mrs. Levitt	Alternate

FRANK A. BRUSH CORPS NO. 307, OSAGE.

Organized March 18, 1895.

Anna B. Rucker	President
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Past Presidents.

Rose Gardner	1895
Chloe Frazee	1896-97-98
Rose Riley (transferred to No. 121)	1899
§Ella Bronson	1900
Louise Abernathy (transferred)	1901
Chloe Frazee	1902
Rose L. Harmon	1903
Chloe Frazee	1904
Rose Gardner	1905-06
Chloe Frazee	1907
Angeline Cole	1908
Rose L. Harmon	1909-10-11-12
Anna B. Rucker	1913
*Clara Gardner	Delegate
Rose Harmon	Alternate

VANDERBURG CORPS NO. 308, ESTHERVILLE.

Organized April 11, 1895.

Eliza M. Bemis	President
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Past Presidents.

§Orlie McRae	1895-96
Eliza Bemis	1897-98
Mary M. Miller	1899-1900-01
Amanda Sharp	1902
§Orlie McRae	1903
Velva Williams (transferred to Minnesota)	1904
Eliza M. Bemis	1905-06-07-08
§Ruth Sweet	1909
Eliza M. Bemis	1910-11
Randa Olson	1912
Addie Wratten	1913
*Mary Littell	Delegate
Celia Van Velzer	Alternate

N. P. WRIGHT CORPS NO. 309, GLIDDEN.

Organized April 19, 1895.

Mary E. Vader President

Past Presidents.

Mary E. Vader	1895-96-97-98
Nancy A. Short	1899
Mary E. Vader	1900-01
§Amelia L. Mereness	1902
Mary E. Vader	1903-04-05
§Julietta J. Toyne	1906-07-08-09
Sarah R. Black	1910
Nancy A. Short	1911
Mary E. Vader	1912-13
Lottie A. Leonard	Delegate
Mattie Chandler	Alternate

A. KEARNEY CORPS NO. 312, GLENWOOD.

Re-organized October 27, 1900.

Lucinda Boyer President

Past Presidents.

Margaret Minner	1896-97
Disbanded	1898
Etta Stranathan	1900-01
Ella Hullinger	1902-03-04-05-06-07
Catherine Rishell	1908
Carrie Van Kirk	1909
Ella Hullinger	1910-11
Lucinda Boyer	191 -13

JOHN ALLEN CORPS NO. 314, TABOR.

Organized April 15, 1896.

Ella Mawhor President

Past Presidents.

‡Henrietta Sheldon	1896
Margaret Reed	1897-98
Nellie L. Feese	1899-1900-01
†Abbie Hanley	1902
Margaret Reed	1903-04
Anna Bell	1905
Margaret Reed	1906
‡Minnie Munsinger	1907-08
*Abbie Hanley	1909-10
Nellie Feese	1911-12
Mary Harris	1913
Mary Harris	Delegate
Nellie Feese	Alternate

J. D. CRAVEN CORPS NO. 322, MACKSBURG.**Organized April 2, 1898.**

Julia Pindell President

Past Presidents.

Sue Conway (transferred to Dept. California)	1898-99-1900-01
Lillian Beech (transferred to No. 17)	1902
Sue W. Conway	1903
Julia Pindell	1904-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
Ida Smith	Delegate
Vera V. Pinckney	Alternate

ROBERT HENDERSON CORPS NO. 323, BAYARD.**Organized May 27, 1898.**

Eva Smith President

Past Presidents.

‡A. Grace McDonald	1898
Mary Garnes	1899
Libbie Russell	1900
M. Frances Hull	1901-02
Mary Griffith	1903-04
§Nellie Horine Garnes	1905
M. Frances Hull	1906
Mary Griffith	1907
§Alice Mostellu	1908
§Lizzie Corrigan	1909
Mary Garnes	1910
Mary Frances Hull	1911-12-13
*May Smith	Delegate
Ruth Russel	Alternate

RANSOM CORPS NO. 324, FARRAGUT.**Organized April 11, 1899.**

Eliza Chambers President

Past Presidents.

Eliza Campbell	1899-1900-01
Eliza Chambers	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13
Sarah Thomas	Delegate
Mary Jones	Alternate

MANSFIELD CORPS NO. 325, HAWARDEN.**Organized May 6, 1899.**

Millie Garrett President

Past Presidents.

§Susie McUmber	1899-1900
Kate Burns	1901-02
Wealtha Meyers	1903
Eliza Mitchell	1904-05
Kate Burns	1906
‡Ella Kennedy	1907
Eliza Mitchell	1908
Blanche Wheeler	1909
Kate Burns	1910
Eliza M. Mitchell	1911-12
Kate Burns	1913
Kathryn Simmons	Delegate
Nay Angle	Alternate

J. M. TUTTLE CORPS NO. 327, SOUTH OTTUMWA.

Organized September 27, 1899.

Mary Berkey	President
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Past Presidents.

Jane Holt (transferred to California)	1899-900
Mary Olney	1901
‡Mary Vinson	1902
Almira Riggs (transferred to No. 9)	1903
Lou Thompson	1904-05
‡Lonella Finley	1906
‡Clementine Harber	1907
Mary Olney	1908
Irene Barne	1909
Della Hoyland	1910
Mary Olney	1911
Virginia B. Schenck	1912
Ella Martz	1913
*Irene Bahnie	Delegate
Sarah Samulson	Alternate

CAPT. ALEX DOWD CORPS NO. 329, DAYTON.

Organized December 16, 1899

Allie Umsted.....	President
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Past Presidents

‡Lina Daniels	1899-1900
Almira LeValley	1901
Julia Lundblad	1902
Harriet Tiffany (transferred to No. 225)	1903
Nellie G. Schill.....	1904-05
Martha Nettles.....	1906-07
Allie Umsted.....	1908-09-10
Mary Shold.....	1911-12
Martha A. Nettles.....	1913

Elizabeth Schill.....	Delegate
Amelia Berg.....	Alternate

HENRY JAQUIS CORPS NO. 330, CINCINNATI

Organized January 27, 1900

Mary Holbrook.....	President
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Past Presidents

Angie Wycoff (transferred to No. 32).....	1900
Eliza Mitchell.....	1901-02
Alice McDonald.....	1903
Ada Bowie.....	1904-05
Lou Glasser.....	1906
Sarah John.....	1907
Mary Fowler.....	1908
Mary Erwin.....	1909
Alice McDonald.....	1910-11
Eliza Mitchell.....	1912
Alice Sturdivant.....	1913
Mary C. Holbrook.....	Delegate
*Alice McDonald.....	Alternate

COL. MILLS CORPS NO. 332, ADEL

Organized May 9, 1901

Jennie Snyder.....	President
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Past Presidents

Jennie Snyder.....	1901-02
Ellen Vial.....	1903
Jennie Snyder.....	1904-05-06-07-08
†Hattie College.....	1909-10
Myrtle Ross.....	1911-12
Jennie Snyder.....	1913
Ella Harris.....	Delegate
*Adaline Forester.....	Alternate

G. W. NELSON CORPS NO. 334, HAZLETON

Organized August 9, 1901

Ines Kiefer.....	President
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Past Presidents

Ines Kiefer.....	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07
Emma Bowers.....	1908-09
Ines Kiefer.....	1910-11-12-13
Kate McCurdy.....	Delegate
Ella Cappel.....	Delegate
Alta Wells.....	Alternate
Gertie Swartzell.....	Alternate

S. S. DILLMAN CORPS NO. 335, TOLEDO.**Organized August 29, 1902**

*Olive MacDonald..... President

Past Presidents

Anna E. Irons.....	1902-03-04-05
‡Jennie Wescott.....	1906-07
‡Louisa Graham.....	1908
Jennie Muckler.....	1909
Ida E. Boynton.....	1910
Millie Sidwell.....	1911
Mary Studbaker.....	(transferred from No. 69)
Anna E. Malin.....	1912
Mary A. Morgan.....	1913
Olive McDonald.....	Delegate
Inez Gallagher	Alternate

O. S. FOWLER CORPS NO. 336, LAMONT**Organized August 28, 1902**

Addie Snodgrass..... President

Past Presidents

§Hattie Truair.....	1902
‡Kate Fowler.....	1903
Mary Hewitt.....	1904-05
Mary May.....	1906
Mary Hewitt.....	1907-08-09
Mattie Ticknor.....	1910
Mary Hewitt.....	1911
Josephine Hesner.....	1912
Addie Snodgrass.....	1913
Mary Hewitt.....	Delegate
*Mattie Ticknor.....	Alternate

J. FILMER CORPS, NO. 337, MADRID**Organized October 2, 1902**

Roxanna Stover..... President

Past Presidents

‡Carrie Graves.....	1902-03
Esther Doran.....	1904
Adda Van Zandt.....	1905-06
‡Elizabeth Simmons.....	1907
‡Mary Helms.....	1908
Roxana Stover	1909
Jennie Lamb.....	1910
Margaret Stover.....	1911
Jennie Lamb.....	1912

Jennie L. Franks.....	1913
Jennie Lamb.....	Delegate
Mary Frey.....	Alternate

WM. MCKINLEY CORPS NO. 338, KALONA

Organized December 10, 1902

Vinnie Bridenstine.....	President
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Past Presidents

Melissa Rawson.....	1903
Mary Dawson.....	1904
Nettie Rogers.....	1905-06-07
Ella Hochstetler.....	1908
§Margarete Arnold.....	1909
Jessye E. Mellinger.....	1910-11-12
Vinnie Bridenstine.....	1913
Amelia McHaffy.....	Delegate
Edith Fry.....	Alternate

PETER VAN NORMAN CORPS, NO. 339, MOVILLE

Organized December 27, 1902

Marie Dills.....	President
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Past Presidents

§Alice Phillips.....	1902-03-04-05-06
Alice McElrath.....	1907-08
Evelyn Parks.....	1909-10
§Alice Phillips.....	1911
Florence Larkin.....	1912-13
*Rose Eldridge.....	Delegate
Florence Larkin.....	Alternate

JONATHAN ROBY CORPS NO. 341, TRURO

Organized October 31, 1903

Harriett Scott.....	President
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Past Presidents

Ida Creger.....	1903-04
§Emily V. Reed.....	1905
Maggie Taylor.....	1906
Melinda Bradley.....	1907
Ella Purvis.....	1908
Nannie Hayden.....	1909-10-11
Melinda Bradley.....	1912
Harriett Scott.....	1913
Harriett L. Scott.....	Delegate
Maud Archer.....	Alternate

SAMUEL IRWIN CORPS, NO. 344, NEW VIRGINIA**Organized July 13, 1904.**

Grace Leachman..... President

Past Presidents.

Mamie Sayre (transferred to No. 154).....	1904-05
Elsie Fee.....	1906
Lizzie Coltrane.....	1907
Alpha Frederick.....	1908-09
Mattie Freeborn (transferred to No. 104).....	1910
Lillian Woods.....	1911-12-13
Grace Leachman.....	Delegate
Clara Irwin.....	Alternate

RICHMOND CORPS NO. 347, DALLAS CENTER**Organized March 23, 1906**

Mrs. Brenton..... President

Past Presidents.

Esther Lloyd.....	1906-07
Addie Rhinehart.....	1908
Katie Kirk.....	1909
Jennie Gates.....	1910
Nina Lewis.....	1911
Addie Rhinehart.....	1912
Minnie Miller	1913

D. B. HENDERSON CORPS NO. 348, MINBURN**Organized September 7, 1907**

Dora Oneal..... President

Past Presidents

Stella Luellen.....	1907-08
Agnes Muck (transferred to Dept. Minnesota).....	1909
Mina Schafer.....	1910-11-12
Emma Clark.....	1913

JAMES MILLER CORPS NO. 349 MARATHON**Organized March 31, 1908**

Clara Hartshorn..... President

Past Presidents

Cora Allison.....	1908
May Welch.....	1909-10-11-12-13

FAIRBANK CORPS NO. 351, FAIRBANK**Organized January 9, 1909**

Arminta Coffin President

Past Presidents

Ellen Leehey 1909

Nellie King 1910-11

Ellen Nichols 1912

Nellie A. King 1913

*Nellie Fitzgerald Delegate

Nina Westgate Alternate

CUSTER CORPS NO. 353, CHEROKEE**Organized June 18, 1910**

Mrs. T. F. Shannon President

Past Presidents.

Julia Hiscox 1910-11

Sarah E. Sanger 1912

Emma A. Russell 1913

*Jane Webber Delegate

Mrs. T. F. Shannon Alternate

TODD CORPS NO. 355, COLUMBUS JUNCTION**Organized April 19, 1911**

Bina Brown President

Past Presidents.

Margaret McKee 1911-12

Bina Brown 1913

*Edith Balcoff Delegate

Ellen McFarland Alternate

GEN. SHERIDAN NO. 356, MARSHALLTOWN**Organized October 24, 1913**

*Emma Gould President

Past Presidents.

Jennie Benson (transferred from No. 9)

Emma Gould (transferred from Idaho)

Janette Todd (transferred from Calif. and Nevada)

*Jane Powers Delegate

Mary Wiley Alternate

R. J. O. McGOWAN NO. 357, OCHEYEDAN**Organized June 3, 1914**

Edna Tracy President

Proceedings of the
Thirty-First Annual Convention
of the
Woman's Relief Corps
Department of Iowa

**Auxiliary to the
Grand Army of the Republic**
Wednesday Morning Session

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps was called to order in open session by Department President Mattie E. Witter, in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington and Fifth Streets, Burlington, Iowa, at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, June 16th, 1914.

Department President: Ladies, we have assembled in the first session of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I extend to you all a most cordial welcome. I hope that with your assistance we may have a good convention, and that much may be accomplished for the good of our order. We will change our order of business, as the pastor of this church must leave in a few minutes. I will ask the Department Patriotic Instructor to present the flag to the church at this time.

Corps Patriotic Instructors will come to the platform to assist in the presentation. The pastor of the church, Rev. Cardal, was escorted to platform with the colors and presented to the convention and given the salute.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack: Rev. Cardal, on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, we have the honor to present to the church where our meetings are held in convention, this flag. We are delighted to do this. We feel the flag has a place in the Church of God. Our work in the Woman's Relief Corps is getting to be more and more on patriotic lines. We have cared for the old soldiers and now we are taking up more of this work. When the old soldiers are no longer with us and we do not have the inspiration of their presence, we will have even more need of this sort of work, and it is becoming a large part of our duties. We are delighted to present to your church this flag. (Applause.)

Rev. Cardal: Ladies of the Relief Corps, I want to thank you very sincerely for this gracious and beautiful act and for the beautiful flag you have presented. I am very deeply interested in your work. I know you stand for a larger spirit of patriotism throughout our country. I live just across the street from a school, and it is their custom on opening to gather the children about the flag staff, and when the flag is raised, each child pointing to the flag, says something like this: "One people, one nation, one flag." (Laughter.) (Department Patriotic Instructor: We see you do not belong to the Woman's Relief Corps.) It is a beautiful ceremony to my mind. It reminds me of Harriet Beecher Stowe. One evening her son found her at her devotions with her new testament in one hand, and in the other she grasped the flag. He inquired of her, "Why, mother, what are you doing?" She said, "I am trying to bear the burdens placed upon me and when I grasp this tangible, visible emblem of what my Savior is to me, and this tangible, visible emblem of what my country stands for to me, I get strength to endure all trials that beset me." That is just it. The flag is the visible, tangible emblem of freedom, liberty, righteousness, to our people and to all the world. I thank God for the American flag. And I thank you for this gracious and beautiful presentation of the flag to this church. (Applause.) (Pastor escorted from room with the colors, convention standing and singing "Star Spangled Banner.")

Department President: Our Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp, is ill and will not be here today, and that we may do our work well, I will ask Past Department Chaplain Margaret Hinman to ask the Divine blessing of our Great Commander, on this meeting.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Our dear Heavenly Father, we come to Thee on this beautiful Eden-like day at the beginning of the convention, thanking Thee for storm and sunshine, and for rain; for life and health Thou hast sent to us during the year. And now we thank Thee that we are here in this church edifice ready for the work Thou hast given to our hands. Be with us in each session, be our present strength: may each be able to do the work as will meet with Thine approval. Some are not able to meet with us; be Thou with them in their homes. May all that assemble in this city have their lives precious in Thy sight. Be with the comrades that they may not be tempted over and above what they are able to stand, and may all our work be indeed good in Thy sight, and when the day's work is ended, give us Thy peace. This we ask for Christ's sake, amen.

Convention sang opening ode.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Convention repeat the flag salute.

Convention: I pledge my allegiance to God and my country, one country, one language, one flag.

Department President: Secretary, you will call the roll of officers.

Department Secretary, Alice Cooper, No. 180, called the roll of Department Officers. All answered to roll call except Department Chaplain, and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Members of the Executive Board.

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department President: The Department Officers will please assemble in the rear of the room. Color Bearers, attention! Conductors

retire to the rear of the room and escort the Department Officers to the platform. The Department Officers were duly escorted.

Department President: Convention, these are the officers who have served you this year. First, the Senior Vice-President, Fannie E. Wardan; the Junior Vice-President, Mary A. Tuttle; Secretary Alice Cooper; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Inspector, Carrie I. Nettcott; Counselor, Sarah A. Fox; Instituting and Installing Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Editress and Press Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner; Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst; Chairman of Executive Board, Mary E. Snyder. Ladies, these officers have all worked throughout the year faithfully and well. I would ask the convention to salute these officers. (Applause.)

PRESENTATION OF SONS OF VETERANS.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Conductors, you will escort the Sons of Veterans to the platform.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack: I have thought of this time with great pleasure, but I had hoped to be sent to your meeting to make the presentation. However, I am happy at this time to present this large parade flag with staff in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps to the Sons of Veterans.

W. S. Leach of What Cheer, Iowa, responded as follows: Ladies of the Relief Corps, I want to express the deep appreciation of the Iowa Division of Sons of Veterans for this beautiful flag. We shall be proud to carry it in our parades. Ladies, I thank you.

Department President: Ladies, I am sure we are very glad for the Sons of Veterans to have this flag, and I want you to salute them. The President gave the gavel taps and convention arose and the salute was given, and the delegation escorted to their seats.

Division Secretary G. F. Taylor had just arrived a little late and was escorted to platform and introduced.

Department President: Ladies, I have the pleasure of introducing the Division Secretary of the Sons of Veterans, G. F. Taylor of Cedar Rapids, who will speak to us.

G. F. Taylor: Mrs. President and Ladies, I presume I owe this assembly an apology, but the fact is, I did not know anything about this; and in the first place, only about five minutes ago was I informed what was going to happen; and in the second place, it is the duty of the Commander to act on such occasions as the present one. Now, I am not in the habit of making speeches—my wife does most of the talking at home, and when I do make a speech she writes it and I read it, and you see I am not prepared.

However, I must say the Sons of Veterans, Division of Iowa, are under a deep debt of gratitude to your organization, and if we can pay this debt in any way we will be glad to do so. I cannot say more and realize that what I have said is wholly inadequate to the situation. I thank you, ladies. (Applause.)

Secretary Taylor was presented with the badge of our convention and escorted to a seat in the audience.

PRESENTATION OF PAST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Eleven Past Department Presidents assembled in the rear of the room.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Conductors, you will escort these officers to the platform.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I do feel very small when I stand in the presence of these ladies who have brought this department to the standard it has today. I feel like it would be better for me not to be with them. I will introduce them to you. First, Georgia Wade McClellan, who is also our army nurse. (Applause.) Christine Snyder Romans, I know you will be glad to greet her. (Applause.) Mira L. Parker, who has not been in our Department Convention for a long time. (Applause.) Jennie Iowa Berry, I do not need to say anything to you about her. (Applause.) Frederica Philpot, one of our good workers. (Applause.) Addie E. Unangst, who served you faithfully and has served me this year. (Applause.) Estella E. Plopper, we could not get along without her. (Applause.) Lena T. Ring, one of our best presidents. (Applause.) Marie L. Basham, who did her work well. (Applause.) Ray M. Hanchett, and Sarah A. Fox, our later presidents, whom you all know. (Applause.) Convention, salute these noble women.

Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers then assembled in the rear of the room and were escorted to the platform.

Department President: Here are the ladies who have kept the records and the funds of our Department. Georgia Wade McClellan, Past Department Secretary; Augusta L. Cozier, Past Department Treasurer; Mira L. Parker, also a Treasurer. Estella E. Plopper, who also cared for the funds. Kate Hanchett, who as Treasurer, ranks prior to both Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Plopper, but as Secretary her year was later. Emma J. Gould, who belongs to us now, but was transferred to us from Idaho. She was their Secretary. Clara A. Carpenter, Lydia W. Nott, Alcena Markle and Sue Stanwood, all Secretaries; and Mira O. McFarland, our Past Department Treasurer, who needs no introduction. Convention, salute the old workers. We owe them much. (Applause.)

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: Mrs. President, it has been my custom for several years to present to the out-going President a gavel, and I take pleasure at this time in presenting to you this one. It is made of wood taken from the historic battlefield of Gettysburg, and has imbedded in it a bullet that was shot into this wood during that great battle. It is with pleasure I give you it.

Department President: Georgia Wade, I thank you for this reminder of that great conflict. It reminds me, too, that I am out-going, and of course I feel happy to know my work will soon be over. I thank you for this gift. I am sure I will always prize this gavel as coming from our dear Georgia Wade McClellan, and reminding me of Gettysburg and the memories of Jennie Wade, for whom we erected a monument and send each year a flag to wave above her grave. Georgia Wade, I thank you.

Motion by Margaret Hinman, No. 148, seconded by Fannie E. Warden, No. 62, that we adjourn until tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock. Carried, and Department President, after requesting Guards to be at all doors in the morning to take the password, declared the meeting adjourned.

WEBNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday morning session was called to order by Department President Mattie E. Witter, who said: The hour of 9:00, the time for us to begin our work, has arrived. Our convention chaplain will ask Our Father's blessing on our meeting.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Our kind Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the night's rest that we have enjoyed, for the beautiful sunshine and for our meeting here in this church. Go with us this day. Yesterday's blessing will not suffice. Be with our dear president, keep her head clear, her hands steady, and her heart true. Be with each home here represented. May they all be under Thy especial care this day, and at the beginning of this meeting may we all join in the prayer Thou hast taught us to say: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever, amen.

Convention sang one verse of opening ode.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Convention, repeat the flag salute. Convention: I pledge my allegiance to God and my country, one country, one language, one flag.

Department President: The Secretary will call the roll of officers.

Secretary called the roll of Department Officers and the following responded: President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice-President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junior Vice-President, Mary A. Tuttle; Secretary, Alice Cooper; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott; Counselor, Sarah A. Fox; Instituting and Installing Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Editress and Pres's Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner; Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst; Chairman of the Executive Board, Mary E. Snyder.

Department President: We will now resume the order of business where we left off last evening. Next will be the presentation of Past Department Chaplains.

PRESENTATION OF PAST DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS.

Past Department Chaplains assembled in rear of room and were escorted to platform with the colors.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Past Department Chaplain Margaret Hinman. She needs no introduction to you. Mary E. Snyder, whom we all love. Convention, salute these dear women. (Applause.)

Mayor Cross of the city of Burlington was announced in waiting and escorted by the Chief of Staff and Color Bearers to the platform and presented.

Department President: Convention, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. W. C. Cross, the mayor of the city of Burlington. Convention, salute.

Mayor Cross: Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, as mayor of the city of Burlington I extend to you a cordial and hearty welcome.

I might enlarge on this, but I am not given to platitudes. My position as mayor of a convention city affords me the opportunity of welcoming many, but I assure none have been more welcome than our guests of this week. We ask you to believe our welcome is deep and honest and heartfelt. We welcome you to the best we have. We are a city of hills, of churches, of school houses, of beautiful parks, of homely men and lovely women and bouncing babies. We welcome you to a city of clubs, a city of societies, a city of good neighbors, a city of good citizens, and we are glad to have you here; we feel proud to entertain the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps. I had the pleasure last evening of listening to your National President and was pleased to learn of the work you have done. She said you have paid out over four millions of dollars for the benefit and assistance of the old soldiers. This is truly a great work. There are many societies in existence, but none of them stands so high in our esteem and love and honor as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps as auxiliary to that body carries with it the same regard we feel for them. (Applause.)

When God made the world he made man; or at least he made part of man; and after witnessing his handiwork, he made the other and better half of man and made woman. (Applause.) After giving Adam and his helpmate proper instructions he started them in the Garden of Eden. Adam, as is common for man, when called upon to give an account of his sin, hid behind the woman, and we are doing the same today and are hiding behind their skirts.

It is rather embarrassing to speak before such a beautiful and intelligent body of ladies as I see before me at this time. As I sat before the audience last night I thought it was a beautiful sight, and as the Governor said, it was an inspiring audience with the Grand Army of the Republic and so many beautiful ladies.

We trust that your meeting will be harmonious and profitable to you and that your stay in our city will be pleasant, and when you return to your homes that you will not take any of our citizens with you, but that as many of you as wish will stay with us. (Applause.)

Estella E. Plopper. No. 48: Mr. Mayor, I do not know why our President should expect or ask one woman to speak for all, when we know the ability of each of them to speak for herself. But since it would consume too much time, I will voice to you what I know is their thought. We are truly appreciative of the welcome Burlington extends to the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest body of men of any known generation, whose sacrifices and sufferings have given them the foremost place in history as patriots. We appreciate your decorations. We believe your greeting is heartfelt. Those of us who heard the tribute you paid the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps last night knew it came from your heart. Today we are glad to know the city of Burlington takes cognizance of us in your city. We women stand for everything good and uplifting in state and home. Our colors are red, white and blue, the colors of the flag made clean and clear from all stain by the blood of three hundred thousand men, and two hundred thousand cripples.

Mr. Mayor, on the part of the Woman's Relief Corps, I thank you for your presence here and for your greeting. (Applause.)

Mayor Cross was presented with the badge of the convention and escorted from the room with the colors.

PRESENTATION OF ARMY NURSES.

Only one army nurse was present and she was escorted to the platform amid continued applause.

Department President: Georgia Wade McClellan needs no introduction. Convention, salute this dear woman.

PRESENTATION OF LOCAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The ladies of the General Local Committee were announced in waiting and escorted to the platform with colors, and presented.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, these are the ladies who have worked so hard preparing for your coming. The local corps President, Emma Behrens; Emma J. Carson, who has written a letter about every day; Della Allender, the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and Fannie E. Wardan, our Department Senior-Vice-President. Convention, salute these ladies.

Emma Behrens, No. 62: Mrs. President, Officers, Delegates, and members of the Thirty-first Annual Department Convention of Iowa. We have with us today from all over our fair and beautiful state of Iowa, representatives of over twelve thousand loyal, earnest women, devoted to the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, that noble trio, on whose broad foundation stands the Grand Army of the Republic, and as their auxiliary and co-workers, we welcome you with patriotic and sisterly love to our city, our hearts and our homes, and hope that our meeting in Burlington will be harmonious, instructive and pleasant. It was here that several of Iowa's best and most noted soldiers lived. C. L. Matthies, for whom our Post and Corps are named, was the first man in Iowa to officially offer his services to his country. And General Corse, the hero of Altoona, lived, enlisted and is buried here. Our organization specially delights in honoring the survivors of the sixties. During that thrilling time many of our number, as wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, had a woman's part to endure in the sacrifices and sufferings, anxieties and hardships, until the victories resulted in a re-united country, freedom and peace.

"There was never a shot that screamed and fell,
And never a bayonet thrust, went through
The dauntless breast of a soldier boy,
But pierced the heart of a woman, too."

We trust our meeting will be an inspiration to renewed efforts in the cause for which we are banded together, to give aid and comfort to the needy veteran and his dependent ones, and inspire the youth with patriotism. Another of our privileges and obligations is the sacred observance of Memorial day, and our aim and purpose should be to try to prevent its desecration by turning it into a holiday for athletic sports and contests, for

"The little green tent is a thing divine,
The little green tent is a country's shrine
Where patriots kneel and pray;
And the brave men left, so old, so few,
Were young and stalwart in sixty-two,
When they went to the war away."

May blessings attend our meeting and our work, and may we always with patriotic love and devotion to our country and our flag, live in accordance with the great and noble principles of our order. Accept again our most cordial welcome.

Department President: Mrs. Behrens, we thank you for this beautiful and gracious welcome. I am unable to find words to express the thanks that are in my heart. I wish I might make a more fitting response to such a splendid address, but we do thank you.

Department President: We will hear the reading of the minutes of the open session.

The minutes of the open session were read by the Convention Secretary, Marie L. Basham, and approved.

Mary E. Snyder, No. 24: I want to say I am so glad we have so many Past Department Officers to present to the convention, but we have a class of women representatives here today I have never seen presented to a convention and I would like to see them presented. They are the soldiers' wives—who were wives during the war. (Applause.)

Department President asked all the ladies who were wives during the war to stand and the colors were sent to escort them to the platform amid much cheering. Fourteen were presented.

Department President: Now, ladies, I do not know hardly what to say, I would like to say so much. Convention, salute these women who know all about those dreadful days. The oldest lady is Rebecca Boyer of Oquawka, Ill. She says she is 93 years of age. The youngest is 68. Color Bearers, escort these ladies to their seats.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

The National President, Mrs. Ida S. McBride, was announced in waiting.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Past National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, you will please retire with Color Bearers and escort the National President to the platform.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the pleasure of presenting to you our National President, Ida S. McBride, of Indianapolis, Ind. Convention, salute our National Officer.

I wish to present to you also at this time our Past National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, and Past National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan. Convention, salute.

Mrs. McBride: Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, of the Department of Iowa, from the beginning of my administration I have looked forward to the Iowa convention. I am happy to see you, to look into your faces and to bring you this morning, the greetings of the National. I have visited fourteen conventions this year, and I want to say to you that Iowa is second to none. It may be, some exceed you in number, as the Department of Massachusetts, but you are just as gracious, just as enthusiastic and just as loyal and are doing the work for which we are banded together. We are all just like one great big family working along the same line. I have visited the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illi-

nois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut. The latter is very exclusive. They do not have their conventions at the same time of the Grand Army of the Republic. In Vermont I had the pleasure of meeting with their convention, and they, like you, are working along the same lines. In New Hampshire I attended their convention and saw our dear Past National President, Fannie E. Minott. Rhode Island has a small convention, but an enthusiastic one. But I want to tell you I am pleased to get to Iowa. I am grateful to all my friends in Iowa who have been so good to me and my visit to Iowa will always remain a bright spot. I have enjoyed this beautiful little city and my visit with the comrades and members of the Worman's Relief Corps and other friends. I thank you for the privilege of being here and speaking to you. (Applause.)

Past National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, was called upon to respond.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. National President, I really think that upon so great an occasion as the visit of the National President we should be warned that we are to respond in order that we might do the matter full justire. However, I assure you we are glad to have you with us and have listened to you with very much pleasure and wish to say we feel deeply the honor of your visit to us, and thank you for your kind words.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL AIDES.

The National Aides present were requested by Department President to come forward and were presented to the National President.

Department President: Mrs. National President, I take great pleasure in presenting to you the National Aides of our department who are present.

Mrs. McBride, National President: Ladies, my National Aides, I am glad to look into your faces and to see this part of my official family. I have a large family of Aides—efficient loyal women in Iowa, and many, many more. I am glad to see you and know you will prove worthy. There are 146 Aides in Iowa, so not all of you are here.

Department President: Convention, salute these National Aides.

The National President was honored with a testimonial from the Iowa Department, but owing to delay in the inscription of the silver tray, the presentation was made later in the parlors of the Burlington Hotel by the Department President.

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT AIDES.

The Department Aides were requested to assemble in the rear of the room and were escorted to the front by the colors. There were fifty in number and they formed in three lines across the front of the room, and were presented by Senior Aide, Addie E. Unangst.

Department President: Ladies of the Convention, these are my aides, all faithful to the trust reposed in them. Salute these loyal workers.

Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst: My dear Mrs. Witter, when we elected you Department President one year ago, we knew you would make good and you have. (Applause.) We are proud of you, proud of your reputation as a woman and proud of you as another retiring President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Iowa. In behalf of your officers and these aides, whom you so highly honored by naming them in your official family, I take great pleasure and am proud to present to you this token of remembrance—this beautiful ring. It carries with it the love and esteem of us all, and as long as this diamond retains its brilliancy, we hope you will retain your love for us. Accept this diamond ring as a memento of a beautiful year spent in the cause of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. (Placed ring upon her finger and gave her a kiss.) (Applause.)

Department President: My dear ladies, it is impossible for me to attempt to tell you how much I appreciate this gift. This circle represents to me a love without an end. Imagine what I will have to think of in all the years to come. I do thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

Mrs. Unangst, No. 34: May I now take the opportunity to thank the Aides of the Department of Iowa for their loving kindness to me during the past year. The beautiful thoughts that have come to me in your letters I shall hold in loving memory all my life. We have worked so lovingly together, and I thank you.

Mrs. Unangst, No. 34: Mrs. President, I have a little book here that I made myself. It contains the names of all your Aides who so lovingly contributed to your diamond ring. I prepared it myself and now present it to you.

Department President: I assure you, Mrs. Unangst, I will enjoy this gift and will enjoy looking over these names in years to come. Convention, salute these workers.

Anna Crocker, No. 180: My dear Department President, Abe Lincoln Corps wants to show our appreciation of the fact that two of our members have been chosen to fill Department offices. We realize your work during the year has been most arduous but we believe much has been accomplished and we are proud that the Department President and Department Secretary are ours, and so in the name of No. 180 I take great pleasure in presenting these tokens of our love and appreciation. (Presents silver trays to Department President and Department Secretary.)

Department President: Well, Anna, take back to our Corps my deepest appreciation and heartiest thanks for this expression of love. I cannot say much, but I know you do not expect me to do so. This is a great surprise to me and I shall always remember your kindness to me and your love.

Department Secretary, Alice Cooper, No. 180: I wish to express my pleasure, and not only that, but my thanks and appreciation for this loving favor for myself and our President coming from The Woman's Relief Corps No. 180. It will always carry a measure of loving thoughts which I never shall be able to express. I ask the sister to carry to the Corps our grateful appreciation. Love and esteem of friends is the priceless gift we all cherish. I shall be glad to treasure this as a memento of pleasant associations.

Department President: The Department Secretary will now read the Convention Appointments.

The Convention Appointments were read by Department Secretary Alice Cooper as follows:

Credential Committee.

Alice Cooper.....	180	Julia Jennings.....	264
Sue Stanwood.....	122	Laura Belle Walker.....	11
Mary Brown.....	4	Ida M. Smyth.....	17
Convention Secretary, Marie L. Basham.....			24
Convention Stenographer, Sue Browning.....			122
Convention Press Reporter, Anna M. Kistner.....			15
Assistant Press Reporter, Emma Gould.....			356
Assistant Press Reporter, May E. Jones.....			27
Assistant Press Reporter, Ida Van Hon.....			33
Pianist, Maud Whedon Smith.....			117
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Anna Rebecca Willett.....	234	Alice M. Davis.....	283
Della L. Milliman.....	233	Lizzie Sturges	87
L. Gertrude Anderson.....	126	Annis L. Weighton.....	38

Color Bearers.

Jennie J. Green.....	250	Lulla Belle Esher.....	153
Jennie Manbeck.....	24	Dawn Tullis.....	27

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Mary Hanson.....	37	Annie E. Brown.....	206
Abbie Hanley.....	314	Mattie Hedden.....	286
Ida Groves.....	34	Naomi Bradley.....	251

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Annie E. Crocker.....	180	Mary Calfee.....	102
Ella Thomas.....	100	Laura Boysen.....	244
Clara Sheldon.....	108	Florence Davie.....	210

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Frederica Philpot.....	26	Rosa J. Terrell.....	128
Estella E. Plopper.....	48	Mira O. McFarland.....	17
Ida S. McBride, Nat'l President		Ida S. McBride, Nat'l President	
Carrie I. Netcott, President Elect		Carrie J. Netcott, President Elect	
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The Department Senior Vice-President was called to the chair and Department President read her address.

Senior Vice-President, Fannie E. Warden: Ladies, we will now have the pleasure of listening to our President's Report. I know she has something good to tell us. I take great pleasure in presenting Mrs. Witter, our Department President, who will read her address.

Department President then read her address, which was received with much enthusiasm.

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Address of Department President

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-first Annual Convention,
Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps:

“Tis wisdom's law, the perfect code, by love inspired—
Of him on whom much is bestowed, much is required.”

When at your Thirtieth Annual Convention you honored me with the Presidency of the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps, the highest office within the gift of the Department, I took the obligation and assumed the responsibilities with the deepest appreciation of the honor thus conferred, and with a full determination to perform all the requirements of the office to the best of my ability. With the help of the All-wise Father I have conscientiously been faithful to the trust.

We have again assembled in convention to present the official record of duties performed, to elect officers, and it is hoped to legislate wisely and well for our future advancement and prosperity.

Matters of very grave importance to the future welfare of our Order will be presented for your consideration and decision. It is desired that you, by close attention, and careful thought, be prepared to assist in determining these to the special good of the Order.

DEPARTMENT WORK OF THE YEAR.

With the increase of the Department comes a corresponding increase of the duties. In this labor of love for our Order all my time has been given throughout the year. In the heavy correspondence, answers of decisions, advice, information, special dispensations, congratulations, suggested plans for increase of membership and encouragement have been gladly given, and no letter intentionally neglected. It was a pleasure to be of service to the sisters requiring assistance, especially the weak and discouraged Corps, to whom many letters—in some cases assistance and help—has been sent which brought gratifying results. The official reports will show they have endeavored to do their whole duty, and while we deeply regret more has not been accomplished we are glad to record some advancement, we have ever been most willing and anxious to give assistance whenever time permitted. Much of the president's and officers' valuable time might be saved and given to important duties if she had some kind of Department helper, composed of the decisions and extra business of the Iowa Department, arranged and condensed in some manner of easy access to which she might refer for information, the knowledge of which is imperative, with no source whatever to gain said information, save largely through the courtesy of kind and willing past officers. I feel such a leaflet of information would be a great benefit and time saver for the Department officers.

I make Recommendation No. 1,

That a committee of two be appointed, one by the incoming President and one by the retiring President, to compile and have type-

written such a helper for the convenience and use of the Department officers.

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

We regret to report the surrender of four charters this year, Nos. 225, 310, 255, 321, with a combined loss of 36 members. We sent many letters of encouragement and help to these Corps, but of no avail. They were composed mostly of old ladies who could hardly attend the meetings and had become completely disheartened and determined to disband. They will continue to assist at Memorial Day exercises. We gave transfer cards to those in good standing.

We are most happy to report the organization on October 24, 1913, of General Sheridan Corps, No. 356, Marshalltown, with a charter membership of 39. The Department President was assisted by the I. and I. officer, Elsie B. Wade, and accompanied by Flora E. Pond, Delegate at Large. We were royally received and entertained and will long remember their courtesies.

At Orient, Iowa, January 30, 1914, James Welch Corps, No. 270, was re-organized by Department Junior Vice President Mary A. Tuttle with a membership of 13. On June 3, 1914, R. J. O. McGowan Corps, No. 357, was instituted at Ocheyedan by I. and I. officer, Elsie B. Wade, with a membership of 18. The Department extends a cordial welcome to these new Corps. Iowa ranks fourth in membership in the National but hopes are entertained for a higher rank next year. Our membership has advanced to 11,689 in good standing, with no delinquent Corps, the highest membership since its organization. With suspended members we have 12,258.

A spirit of industry and zeal seems to prevail among the Corps. If letters received are indicative there will be a substantial gain for the next quarterly reports. We are entitled to one more delegate to National Convention, in all 18, including the Delegate-at-Large.

The gold recognition pin awarded to a President for the greatest number of initiates was given to Anna M. Kistner, President of No. 15, Waterloo, for 35 initiations.

Our greatest ambition and chief purpose is the prosperity and up building of the Order. Hearing many expressions of disappointment and regret at the discontinuance of the exemplification of the ritualistic work at Department Convention and numerous requests that it be re-established, knowing it has been discarded in nearly all other Departments, yet thinking it might stimulate the convention attendance and create enthusiasm for greater proficiency in the ritualistic work, and also satisfy the requests to bring it before the Convention.

I make Recommendation No. 2.

That we re-establish the custom of exemplifying the Ritual at Department conventions, the work to be done by a Corps selected by the President outside of the city in which the Convention is held.

I make Recommendation No. 3,

That 75 remain the basis for representation to Department Convention.

FUTURE OF THE ORDER.

To maintain a permanent organization our future greatly depends upon the effort put forth at the present time. Very true we are gaining

in membership but each year we are losing Corps. Next year, unless help is given we will lose yet more. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it is impossible to live always when we are yearly narrowing our working territory. We have organized 357 Corps and have at present 203, a loss of 154. Think of the loss, of the possible gain of membership there would have come through the efforts of 154 Corps striving for advancement. We have 88 Posts in our Department without the Auxiliary W. R. C. in their cities. May we not have in a business way some detailed worker to go over the state and work for the organization of new Corps, to re-organize old ones with new and younger material, to bear the burdens of the dear old workers of so many years, and strengthen the discouraged and weak ones in much the same manner, and correct some of the errors that have been circulating relative to our principles?

I make Recommendation No. 4.

That the President detail a capable worker, convincing speaker, one who can give all her time if required, to travel over the state in the interest of organization and the general upbuilding of the Order. The same remuneration allowed her while in active service as is given the office of Secretary and Treasurer, her expenses to be paid by Corps where practicable, otherwise by the Department.

FINANCES.

It is impossible to sustain an organization of over 12,000 membership without great expense. We have judiciously restricted the expenditure to such an amount as would be in keeping with our high standard and good of the Order. An increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per capita per quarter is required by the National. I refer you to the annual report of receipts and disbursements of the Department Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd, who gives cash balance in the General Fund of \$5,077.81 and in the Relief, \$436.89, total \$5,514.70, thereby showing the prosperous financial condition of the Order. The half cent per member has been transferred quarterly to the Relief Fund.

I make Recommendation No. 5.

That the per capita tax remain the same, ten cents per member, and one-third cent per member be transferred quarterly to the Relief Fund.

RELIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

To assist such union veterans as need our help and protection and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans has been our purpose throughout the year. After proper investigation by the Relief Committee such aid has been rendered as was deemed consistent with the principles of our Order. A complete report of the year's work is given by the chairman of the Relief Committee, Abbie Hanley.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Patriotic instruction is one of the principal and important duties in our Order today. Some advancement is being made each year in this broad field. More flags are being placed in the school rooms, more flag salutes in the hands of the children than ever before, all national anniversaries and respect for the flag, is being more fully observed. This work has been ably guarded by our untiring and enthusiastic Patriotic Instructor Lu L. Schrack, who will give a full report of her work.

INSPECTION AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

Under the efficient leadership of Department Inspector Carrie I. Netcott no Corps was omitted this year in this very important and necessary feature of our work. Department Inspector and assistants alike deserve the gratitude of the Department for the time and instruction willingly given to bring to greater perfection the observance of the rules of our Order.

Seventeen District Conventions are placed on record for the first time. It has been my privilege and great pleasure to be present at all of these well attended, enthusiastic, joyous occasions, made more entertaining and instructive by the presence of some past Department officer at each Convention. The Corps kindly entertaining the conventions should receive great credit and appreciation for the laborious work and expense necessary for our instruction and enjoyment.

I make Recommendation No. 6.

That District Conventions be continued under the direction and supervision of the Department President.

I make Recommendation No. 7.

That we continue the decision of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, "That a report be written by the Secretary of each Corps concerning the work of the year which shall be read and approved at a Corps meeting, the President's signature affixed, and the report read by the delegate at District Convention."

I make Recommendation No. 8.

That the delegate to District Convention be elected in the usual manner of electing delegates.

District Conventions for 1914 are located as follows:

Dist.	Corps	Dist.	Corps
No.	Location	No.	Location
1	Fredericksburg	61	Anamosa
2	Eagle Grove	194	Lisbon
3	Rolfe	161	Colfax
4	Ireton	166	Des Moines (Crocker)
5	Logan	283	Shenandoah
6	Audubon	38	Leon (assisted by Gar- den, Grove & Decatur)
7	Webster City	99	Oskaloosa
8	New Hartford	228	Fairfield
9	Lamont	336	21

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

National Convention was held September 17, 18, 19, 1913, in the very interesting and historical city of Chattanooga. A large and enthusiastic delegation of Woman's Relief Corps members were met in Chicago by Department Commander Judge J. W. Willett and staff, and conveyed over the Queen & Crescent Route to the city of Convention. Iowa's delegation was comfortably located in the Hotel Eastern. The usual instructive and interesting session of National Convention was called to order in the very commodious and beautiful Methodist church. Iowa was represented by twenty-four voting members, who were most faithful throughout the entire proceedings. Corps have had

an excellent report of the trip and convention given by Delegate-at-Large Flora E. Pond. A full account is given in the Journal of the Thirty-first National Convention.

IOWA SOLDIERS' HOME.

It was my privilege to visit the Soldiers' Home at two different times this year, and I thoroughly enjoyed each visit. The first was at the time of the organization of General Sheridan Relief Corps, No. 356. The second was on May 1st by invitation from Chairman of Soldiers' Home Board G. A. R., Past Department Commander J. C. Milliman, who was accompanied by members of the G. A. R. Home Board and Department Commander J. W. Willett. The Department Secretary, Alice Cooper, and myself were met at Marshalltown by Chairman of W. R. C. Home Board, Mary W. Hazard, and members Margaret Hinman and Celia White. The day was ideal. The Home grounds presented a most refreshing and beautiful appearance. Commandant Horton met us in his own pleasing manner and conducted us through the different departments where cleanliness, order and contentment seemed the prevailing feature.

The hospital department awakened the deepest interest and sympathy. We saw many feeble and suffering ones that were being cared for tenderly and kindly by the considerate nurses and attendants. We were informed of the need of more pillows, washable covers, 18x18 inches filled with cotton, and glasses of jelly. Remember these suffering army veterans. In the afternoon a pleasant campfire was held in the chapel.

The total membership in the Home May, 1914, was 1,092. Of this number 760 are men and 332 women; 138 men and 41 women were in the hospital; 925 comrades lie sleeping in the Home cemetery; 70 burial flags have been furnished the Home during the past year by the W. R. C. Donations from the W. R. C. to the Home, 1914, amount to \$362.47.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME.

On the 2nd of May in company with Department Secretary Alice Cooper and Chief of Staff Addie E. Unangst I had the pleasure of visiting every department of this perfectly controlled and harmonious institution—cottages, schools, sewing room, kitchen, kindergarten, laundry and the wonder dining room, where table manners are as perfect as those in cultured homes. It was a perfect delight to watch the shy, smiling faces of the little ones as they passed to their places, looking up for recognition by their best friend, Superintendent Sessions, who never failed to return the smile or say a friendly word. As we observe the capable management of the various departments and his love and sympathy for the little ones we are led to conclude that none better could be found to occupy the chair of Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. There are but 62 soldiers' orphans at present in the Home. The donation to the Orphans' Home this year was \$90.29.

PRESS CORRESPONDENCE.

Without an official organ the past year the Press Correspondent has been greatly handicapped in her usefulness in communicating such knowledge as might have been beneficial in upbuilding the Order.

GRAND ARMY ADVOCATE.

We have learned of the contemplated return of the Grand Army

Advocate to this state by its editor, T. W. Lincoln, who stands ready to demonstrate the fact of his loyalty to the Woman's Relief Corps.

I make Recommendation No. 9.

That the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps, accept the Grand Army Advocate as their official organ and use it freely for the advancement of our principles and give their patronage and influence in making it a successful patriotic paper.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The country's great and lasting monument to her heroic dead, the day of sacred memories and fragrant blossoms. Each year the citizens grow more kindly and appreciative of the sacredness of this holy day, and more assistance is given the remaining comrades in the performance of the loving duties of this day.

"While calmly they rest in the soil they have freed
 Oh let us recount every valorous deed,
 And moisten their tomb with the flow of our tears
 While sadly we gaze down the vista of years
 Into death's solitude which vibrates with the tread
 Of valorous army, of veterans dead.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Words can but feebly express the loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic, nor the assuring words of their fidelity to their Auxiliary. A prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving goes forth from the hearts of all Corps members that so large a number of these honored veterans are yet permitted to be among us, and that we are privileged to minister to their comfort and happiness with renewed zeal and loyalty. Our permanently established organization will perpetuate their memory as long as the country in lasting appreciation of their heroic deeds sacredly observes Memorial Day.

SONS OF VETERANS.

To the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary we extend greetings and express our warmest interest in their noble organization. They are doing much in every way to lighten the burdens of their fathers in the Grand Army. We wish them untold prosperity. Thanks are due for General Orders received.

GRAND ARMY NURSES.

Through a special effort we have ascertained that the Department of Iowa has the honor of being the home of seven Civil war army nurses if all were reported by the Presidents as requested. Our gratitude cannot be expressed too earnestly to these ministering angels who sacrificed self so willingly to be of assistance to the Army boys. To show our appreciation in a more substantial way

I make Recommendation No. 10,

That we remember each Army Nurse at Christmas time with a small greeting of \$5.00.

IN MEMORIAM.

The past year two hundred and seven loving members of our Order have passed the shadow of the valley to enter the unclosed gates of white. Enrolled among this number is one of our respected Past Department Presidents, Jennie Lothrop Whedon; army nurse, Sarah Hannah Brown.

Sincere and loving sympathy in F. C. L. is given the sorrowing homes and friends.

Our Department sorrows with the Grand Army in the loss of Past Department Commander Charles A. Clarke.

Recommendation No. 11.

That the memorial day of the members of the Woman's Relief Corps be held in June, the day to be left optional with the Corps.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

I have no words by which to express my gratitude or appreciation to my faithful Official Staff. Whatever of success attending this administration has been through the earnest and willing assistance of these loyal officers. Not one word or action has marred the perfect harmony existing throughout the entire year. My faithful Secretary has truthfully been my "present help in every time of need."

I can never forget the kindness or help given me by the past Department officers. The courtesies of the membership throughout the state in homes or meetings, and the many remembrances to remind me of their love and respect are all mine in memory as long as life shall last.

My thanks and appreciations are given the Grand Army for all attentions shown us and the loyalty of my own Post and Corps will always be a pleasant memory.

CONCLUSION.

"All the toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way. "The year is done, its labors o'er. I pause to hear the verdict read." Let the mantle of charity fall on mistakes made by human blindness, and the loyalty that bespeaks fraternity be mine I ask for my successor the same loving consideration, and greater prosperity for our noble Order.

Though the circling flight of time may
Find us far apart, or severed more and more,
Yet the farewell always lies behind us,
And the welcome lies before.

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.



FANNIE E. WARDEN
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT



MARY A. TUTTLE
JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT



NANCY CLAPP
CHAPLAIN

Report of Senior Vice-President

Burlington, Iowa, June 1, 1914.

Mrs. Alice Cooper,
Department Secretary.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with the requirements of our Order, I submit through you, to the Thirty-first Department Convention, the following report:

I want to thank and acknowledge the honor conferred upon me by electing me Senior Vice-President. My work has not been large, but what I have has been a very great pleasure to me, and has been performed conscientiously and cheerfully. It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Seventeenth District Convention, which was a success and of great benefit to all. Through the courtesy of our Department President and Department Inspector, I was assigned four Corps to inspect, and at each place I was cordially received and royally entertained. It was my pleasure to install the officers of my home Corps, No. 62, January 1st, installation being held jointly with the Post, refreshments being served at the close of the service. My thanks are due the Department President and Department Secretary for General Orders, which have been read with much pleasure.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. L..

FANNIE E. WARDAN,
Senior Vice-President.

Report of Junior Vice-President

Greenfield, Iowa, May 14, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.,

Council Bluffs, Ia.

Dear Sister:

In compliance with the rules of our Order, I herewith submit my report as Department Junior Vice-President:

Fully appreciating the honor conferred upon me by the Thirtieth Annual Convention, held in Des Moines, I at once communicated to the President my readiness and willingness to assist her in any way, at any time, if in my power to do so.

It was a great disappointment to me that I was unable to attend the National Convention at Chattanooga, having been injured while riding in an automobile, but I was able to attend the District Convention at Osceola, which was very helpful to me. Following that, I had the pleasure of inspecting Sedgwick Corps No. 82 at Bedford, Lenox No. 136, Lenox, and Jewett No. 2, Nevinville, which I did to the very best of my ability. I was very cordially received by all, and found much interest in the work. In January, I reorganized James Welch Corps No. 270 at Orient. I have visited them once since, and found them very enthusiastic. I had hoped to accomplish more, but it was impossible. I wish to thank the Department for giving me a chance to fill a little place and take a little part in our great work. I wish to thank our dear Department President for her kindness and loving words to me. Also our Secretary for General Orders and courtesies extended. And now, as we are nearing the dawn of another administration, let us pledge anew our loyalty to the principles of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARY A. TUTTLE,

Dept. Junior Vice-President.



ALICE COOPER
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Report of Department Secretary

Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 4th, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter, Department President W. R. C.

My dear President: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps I hereby submit to you and to the members of the Thirty-first Annual Convention a report of the year's work, which shows a gratifying gain in membership, much relief work accomplished and promise of future possibilities in the upbuilding influence of our beloved Order. The measure of success attained has come through the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty abounding in the hearts of ardent W. R. C. members, loyally encouraged by your faithful guidance. All zealous efforts have been gratefully appreciated for it has been a pleasure to record all gains.

At the beginning of this official year there were 203 Corps in the Department in good standing and 1 Corps delinquent. During the year four Corps disbanded and three new Corps were organized, leaving 203 Corps in the Department, all in good standing.

The disbanded Corps are:

Corps	Corps				
No.	Location	Members	No.	Location	Members
225	Shelby	15	310	Mondamin	9
255	Garner	8	321	Schaller	4
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				Total	36

The Corps organized are:

Corps	Corps				
No.	Location	Members	No.	Location	Members
270	Orient	13	356	Marshalltown ..	39
357	Ocheyedan ...	18			—
				Total	70

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Consolidated reports to National Secretary give number of Corps and membership in the Department for each quarter as follows:

	Corps	Members
June 30, 1913.....	204	11,275
September 30, 1913.....	204	11,283
December 31, 1913.....	202	11,505
March 31, 1914.....	202	11,689

Per Capita Tax at ten cents per member has passed through my hands to the Department Treasurer to the amount of \$4,581.90 and of this amount \$1,032.29 has been the per capita assessment to National, owing to the increased tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per member for the last two quarters.

Gain from all sources during the year by quarters:

June 30, 1913.....	502
September 30, 1913.....	406
December 31, 1913.....	652
March 31, 1914.....	602
Total	2,162

Loss from all sources during the year by quarters:

June 30, 1913.....	549
September 30, 1913.....	398
December 31, 1913.....	430
March 31, 1914.....	418
Total	1,795

Members in good standing March 31, 1913.....	11,322
Net gain for the year.....	367

Members in good standing March 31, 1914.....	11,689
Number of members remaining suspended March 31, 1914.....	569

Total membership in Department March 31, 1914.....	12,258
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Death has claimed a large number this year. Two hundred and seven of our members have gone to the Great Beyond. Among these, Past Department President, Jennie Whedon, of Winterset, Iowa, and one army nurse, Sarah Hannah Brown, Oelwein, Iowa.

Cash expended for relief:

June 30, 1913.....	\$ 677.28
September 30, 1913.....	320.87
December 31, 1913.....	534.46
March 31, 1914.....	570.90
Total	\$2,103.51

Estimate value other than money:

June 30, 1913.....	\$ 794.55
September 30, 1913.....	654.71
December 31, 1913.....	1,697.55
March 31, 1914.....	1,444.56

Total	\$4,591.37
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Number of soldiers assisted during the year.....	381
Number in soldiers' families assisted.....	885
Number of members assisted.....	283
Number in members' families assisted.....	342

Total number of persons assisted.....	1,891
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Corps reporting \$50.00 or more cash expended for relief during the year:

Corps No.	Corps No.
11 Cedar Rapids	\$80.00
24 E. Des Moines	62.24
27 Des Moines	72.48
34 Davenport	64.55
37 Dubuque	74.36
48 Iowa Falls	\$78.47
99 Webster City	62.94
170 Knoxville	63.00
184 Renwick	92.65
207 Guthrie Center	50.00

Corps reporting 100 or more members March 31, 1914:

Corps No.	Corps No.
11 Cedar Rapids	226
15 Waterloo	177
17 Chariton	110
20 Fort Dodge	109
24 E. Des Moines	211
26 Cedar Falls	147
27 Des Moines	236
32 Centerville	112
34 Davenport	109
37 Dubuque	154
45 Washington	130
58 Decorah	104
72 Mason City	102
74 Clear Lake	100
78 Iowa City	137
83 Waverly	122
87 Sioux City	138
88 Wellman	119
98 Ames	118
117 Winterset	104
122 Muscatine	205
126 Marion	121
170 Knoxville	119
245 Akron	130
264 Red Oak	160
307 Osage	100
324 Hazelton	119

Corps gaining 10 or more members by initiation from March 31, 1913, to March 31, 1914.

Corps No.	Gain	Corps No.	Gain
4 Wyoming	12	122 Muscatine	21
9 Marshalltown	22	126 Marion	13
11 Cedar Rapids	11	128 Sigourney	12
15 Waterloo	37	141 Creston	13
24 E. Des Moines	20	170 Knoxville	25
27 Des Moines	28	171 Marengo	13
33 Mt. Pleasant	20	207 Guthrie Center	10
34 Davenport	12	216 Woodbine	11
38 Audubon	32	245 Akron	10
48 Iowa Falls	12	254 Lisbon	15
72 Mason City	17	281 Oelwein	27
78 Iowa City	13	286 Oskaloosa	16
81 Hampton	11	307 Osage	47
83 Waverly	15	308 Estherville	10
87 Sioux City	16	327 So. Ottumwa	15
89 Strawberry Pt.	10	336 Lamont	10
99 Webster City	14	355 Columbus Junction...	23
102 Osceola	12	356 Marshalltown	13
117 Winterset	11		

DONATIONS TO SOLDIERS' HOME, MARSHALLTOWN.

Corps

No.

4	Wyoming, Pillow covers, quilt cover, jellies.....	\$ 13.00
11	Cedar Rapids, Cushions.....	8.00
17	Chariton, Cushions	15.00
37	Dubuque, Jellies	15.00
38	Audubon, Cushions	15.00
39	Sibley, Canned fruit, jellies, quilts, quilt pieces.....	8.00
58	Decorah, Jellies, preserves.....	5.00
62	Burlington, Quilt pieces.....	1.50
72	Mason City, Supplies.....	6.00
76	Ft. Madison, 100 glasses of jelly.....	10.00
78	Iowa City, Supplies.....	10.00
102	Osceola, Jellies	2.00

108	Humboldt, Jellies, cushions.....	6.50
202	Riverside, Box of supplies.....	6.00
216	Woodbine, Fruit, jellies.....	8.40
222	Russell, Supplies	6.00
227	Britt, Fruit jellies, cushions.....	7.75
244	Grundy Center, Cushions, jellies.....	6.75
245	Akron, Cash	5.00
251	Jefferson, Cushions, jellies.....	20.00
254	Lisbon, Pillows, fruit, jellies, quilt pieces.....	18.00
258	Edgewood, Cushions and covers, jellies, quilt pieces.....	5.00
278	Newell, Cushions, lunch cloths, quilt pieces.....	10.00
281	Oelwein, cushions	6.50
283	Logan, Cushions, jellies, quilt pieces.....	15.00
297	Northwood, Cushions	8.22
332	Adel, Jellies	9.50
355	Columbus Junction, Barrel of fruit.....	30.00
32	Centerville, Fruits, jellies.....	10.50
48	Iowa Falls, Jellies, cushions.....	4.00
55	Rock Rapids, Jellies, cushions.....	5.00
75	Correctionville, Gifts	15.65
109	Williamsburg, Gifts	10.00
130	Belle Plaine, Cushions, jellies.....	5.20
171	Marengo, Gifts	3.00
351	Fairbank, Box of canned fruit.....	10.00
41	West Union, Jellies.....	2.00
17	Chariton, Fruit, jellies.....	10.00
87	Cushions and jellies.....	10.00
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Total		\$362.47

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORPHANS' HOME, DAVENPORT.

Corps

No.			
11	Cedar Rapids, Cash.....	\$	5.00
34	Davenport, Caps, ties, ribbons.....		5.00
37	Dubuque, Handkerchiefs		2.20
50	Scranton, Cash		1.00
62	Burlington, Cash		5.00
89	Strawberry Point, Cash.....		5.00
202	Riverside, Box of gifts.....		6.00
227	Britt, Hair ribbons, handkerchiefs, caps, games, candy.....		3.50
245	Akron, Cash		5.00
281	Oelwein, Handkerchiefs, hair ribbons.....		2.00
349	Marathon, Cash		1.00
355	Columbus Junction, Gifts.....		5.00
34	Davenport, Caps, gloves, mittens.....		5.81
48	Iowa Falls, Toys, ribbons.....		3.78
58	Decorah, Toys, books, games.....		6.00
122	Muscatine, Toys, ribbons, books.....		5.00
171	Marengo, Gifts		19.00
351	Fairbank, cash		5.00
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Total			\$ 90.29

Donations to Flag fund:

78	Iowa City	\$.50	Corps No.	
80	LeMars50	163	Emmetsburg
26	Cedar Falls .....	.50	87	Sioux City
14	Parkersburg .....	.50	110	Odebolt
20	Fort Dodge .....	.50	117	Winterset
15	Waterloo .....	.50	90	Brandon
180	Council Bluffs	1.00	62	Burlington
72	Mason City .....	.50	102	Osceola
154	Indianola .....	.50	17	Chariton
138	Monroe .....	.50	58	Decorah
27	Des Moines .....	.50	4	Wyoming
154	Indianola .....	.50	38	Audubon
11	Cedar Rapids .....	.50	122	Muscatine
216	Woodbine .....	.50	108	Humboldt
33	Mt. Pleasant .....	.25	245	Akron
45	Washington	1.00	234	Tama
144	Independence .....	.50	337	Madrid
12	Boone .....	.50	286	Oskaloosa
73	Center Point .....	.50	244	Grundy Center
181	Sheldon .....	.50		
			Total	\$21.75

DONATIONS TO SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

Corps No.		Corps No.		
20	Fort Dodge	\$1.00	283	Logan
245	Akron	2.00	277	Garden Grove
17	Chariton	1.00	37	Dubuque
89	Strawberry Point ..	1.00	62	Burlington
69	McGregor .....	.25	281	Oelwein
60	New Hampton	1.00	33	Mt. Pleasant
351	Fairbank	2.00	58	Decorah
163	Emmetsburg	2.00	76	Ft. Madison
307	Osage	1.00	227	Britt
38	Audubon	1.00	72	Mason City
24	Des Moines	1.00	123	Waukon
243	Fonda	1.00	261	Rockwell City
87	Sioux City	2.00	329	Dayton
4	Wyoming	1.00	180	Council Bluffs
278	Newell	1.00	104	Corning
138	Monroe	1.00	171	Marengo
130	Belle Plaine .....	.50	45	Washington
55	Rock Rapids .....	.50	216	Woodbine
190	Clarksville	1.00	205	Nodaway
19	Eldora	1.00	166	Ireton
32	Centerville	1.00	48	Iowa Falls
325	Hawarden .....	.50	148	Belmond
98	Ames .....	.50	201	Sac City
14	Parkersburg .....	.50	144	Independence
214	Emerson .....	.50	181	Sheldon
30	Clarion	1.00	154	Indianola
74	Clear Lake	1.00	108	Humboldt
6	Grinnell	1.00	244	Grundy Center
234	Tama	2.00		
147	Nevada	1.00	Total	\$57.75

There have been mailed from this office to those entitled to receive them:

- 12 National General Orders.
- 5 National Circular Letters.
- 1 National Password.
- 15 National Journals.
- 39 National Credential Cards.
- 8 Department General Orders.
- 5 Department Circular Letters.
- 1 Department Password.
- 2 Charters.
- 500 Reports of Delegate-at-Large.
- 1,632 Quarterly Report Blanks, Forms A, D and N, each of four quarters.
- 420 Election Returns.
- 410 Memorial Day Blanks.
- 370 Department Journals.
- 1,500 Department Credential Cards.
- 270 Commissions to Appointive Officers and Aides.
- 202 Mailing slips to National Printer.
- 250 Department Rosters for 1914.
- 202 Copies of Address.

SUMMARY.

Cash expended by Corps for relief.....	\$2,103.51
Estimate value of relief other than money.....	4,591.37
Total number of persons assisted.....	1,891
Total contributions to Soldiers' Home.....	362.47
Total contributions to Orphans' Home	90.27
Total contributions to Flag Fund	21.75
Total contributions to Southern Memorial Fund.....	57.75
Total number of members in good standing March 31, 1914..	11,689
Total number of members remaining suspended	569
Total membership in the Department March 31, 1914.....	12,258

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Changes constantly occur which call new officers to the discharge of new duties.

The need to strive for prompt and accurate reports is still urged.

A careful reading of General Orders will prevent many mistakes and save expense to the Department.

Official correspondence has shown that a copy of General Orders giving names and addresses of new Department Officers conveniently posted for ready reference might have prevented many errors in making out and sending drafts for per capita and election returns.

A careful comparison of reports on the part of Corps Secretary and Corps Treasurer before sending to Department Secretary to see that Forms A and D agree in membership, cash expended for Relief, Estimate Value of Relief and accuracy of balances, will raise the standard of correctness in reports and also save unnecessary expense.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To Department officers, Corps officers and members:—I wish to express my thankful appreciation of many courtesies and kind messages received during the year which brought me joy and gladness.

These sweet ministrations came with the magic of music, touching the sympathetic chord of fellowship, making the service of the W. R. C. grander and nobler.

"God sent His singers upon earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth
That they might touch the hearts of men
And bring them back to heaven again."

To our Department President I wish to return thanks for the honor and the unsolicited appointment to this office and for her constant spirit of enthusiasm and encouragement.

Realizing that fidelity is the measure of one's responsibility, I have with pleasure given my time and best efforts.

The work has given me a knowledge of the aims, intentions and practical results accomplished by the W. R. C. which exalts its mission in the past, present and future as a patriotic organization of power and influence.

To my successor I extend fraternal greetings and wish her the joy of recording gains in the advancement of the W. R. C.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ALICE COOPER,

Department Secretary.



CORNELIA T. DODD
DEPARTMENT TREASURER

Report of Department Treasurer

Office of Department Treasurer, W. R. C.,
Algona, Ia., June 1, 1914.

Alice Cooper, Department Secretary, W. R. C.:

In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Order, I submit herewith a financial statement of the Department of Iowa, June 12, 1913, to May 29, 1914.

CORNELIA T. DODD,
Department Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN FUNDS MAY 29, 1914.
General Fund..... \$ 5,077.81
Relief Fund..... 436.89

Grand Total in hands of Treasurer..... \$ 5,514.70

GENERAL FUND.

DR.

Received from Mira O. McFarland.....	\$ 3,615.52
Received from Convention Flag Fund.....	30.50
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Received Per Capita.....	\$ 4,581.90
Received for Supplies.....	1,625.98
Received for Convention Flag Fund.....	21.25
Refunded By Mattie E. Witter, Room Rent and Sale of Badges.....	40.50
Interest on Certificate of Deposit.....	160.55
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Total Receipts.....	\$ 10,076.20

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B/C Cash Expended.....	4,998.39
Cash Balance in General Fund May 29, 1914.....	\$ 5,077.81

RELIEF FUND.

DR.

Received from Mira O. McFarland.....	\$ 312.81
Received from Jennie Wade Fund.....	.25
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Total.....	\$ 312.81
Received for Southern Memorial Fund.....	57.75
Transferred from General Fund.....	229.08
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Total Receipts.....	\$ 599.64

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By Cash Expended.....	162.75
Cash Balance in Relief Fund May 29, 1914.....	\$ 436.89
Total Cash on Hand.....	\$ 5,514.70

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

1	Department Treasurer, Postage.....	\$	10.00
2	Department President, Postage.....		5.00
3	Department Secretary, Postage.....		15.00
4	Department Treasurer, Salary and Rent.....		39.33
5	Department Secretary, Salary, Rent, R. R. and Expenses.		43.67
6	Department President, R. R., Expenses, Express, Supplies, Telegrams		12.24
7	Yonker Bros., Ribbon.....		8.54
8	National Treasurer, Department Per Capita Tax.....		225.50
9	Relief Fund Transferred from General Fund.....		56.38
10	Department Treasurer, Convention Expenses, Freight, Supplies		11.39
11	National Treasurer, Supplies for Quarter Ending June 30.		140.66
12	Sue Stanwood, Drayage and Postage.....		.85
13	George A. Newman, National Convention Expenses.....		33.20
14	Estella E. Plopper. Transportation to Algoma and Return to Iowa Falls.....		15.81
15	American Lithographing & Printing Co., Printing Badges.		1.25
16	Department Secretary, Telegram, Express, Mailing Sta- tionery and Reports.....		10.05
17	Department Secretary, Postage.....		10.00
18	Morehouse & Co., Printing Envelopes, Letterheads and General Orders.....		41.00
19	Department President, Expenses to Des Moines and return		6.53
20	Department Secretary, Salary, Rent, Postage, Telegram, Freight		55.41
21	Department Treasurer, Salary, Rent and Postage.....		49.33
22	Department President, Printing National Badges.....		36.00
23	E. J. Murtagh, Agent Fidelity Deposit Co., Department Treasurer's Bond.....		10.00
24	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags.....		5.35
25	Department Treasurer, Freight and Drayage on Supplies.		2.55
26	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags.....		12.76
27	Department President. Expenses to Des Moines and Rep- resentative to Winterset.....		10.33
28	Department President, Printing Department Password..		3.00
29	Department President, 500 Mailing Tubes.....		3.00
30	Department Secretary, Postage, Express, Etc		10.50
31	Flora E. Pond, Round Trip Ticket to National Convention		35.00
32	Department Secretary, Rent and Salary.....		39.33
33	Department President, Postage.....		5.00
34	Department Treasurer, Rent and Salary.....		39.33
35	Sarah A .Fox, Compiling Journal.....		50.00
36	Sarah A. Fox, Postage, Mailing Journals.....		28.75
37	Department President, Room Rent National Convention..		98.00
38	Klaffenbach Bros., Printing Journals, Etc.....		305.75
39	J. S. Wilson, Florist, Flowers for Jennie Whedon Funeral.		3.00
40	Department Secretary, Expenses to National Convention.		52.00
41	Department President, Expenses to National Convention.		57.95
42	Department President, District Convention Expenses....		9.40
43	Morehouse & Co., Register.....		15.00
44	Morehouse & Co., Printing Billheads.....		5.00
45	Morehouse & Co., Printing General Orders.....		7.50

46	Morehouse & Co., Printing Envelopes, Ribbons, Etc.....	31.50
47	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	148.52
48	Department President, National Convention Expenses to Flora E. Pond.....	5.00
49	Flora E. Pond, Balance of Expenses to National Conven- tion	15.62
50	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary and Telegram.....	39.63
51	Department Secretary, Mailing, Registering Reports.....	3.56
52	Department President, District Convention Expenses.....	24.71
53	Department Treasurer, Freight and Express.....	2.07
54	National Treasurer, Per Capita Tax for Quarter Ending September 30th.....	226.94
55	Transferred to Relief Fund.....	56.73
56	Department President, District Convention, Freight, Postals	14.93
57	Department Treasurer, Postage, Freight, Rent, Salary and Supplies.....	51.56
58	Department Secretary, Mailing National Orders, Password	4.96
59	Carrie E. Netcott, Postage, Etc.....	3.63
60	Morehouse & Co., Printing National Password Envelopes.	1.75
61	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary.....	39.33
62	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary and Telegram.....	39.63
63	Department Secretary, Office Supplies.....	4.20
64	Flora E. Pond, Printing Reports of Delegate at Large...	6.67
65	Elsie B. Wade, Department I and I Officer, Trip to Marshalltown, Etc.	17.85
66	Department Secretary, Mailing General Orders No. 4.....	5.00
67	Department President, District Convention Expenses.....	15.99
68	Department Treasurer, Postage and Supplies.....	10.30
69	Myra O. McFarland, Returning Requisition Orders.....	1.31
70	E. E. Schrack, Printing Circular Letter and Postage.....	2.17
71	Department President, District Convention Expenses.....	29.17
72	Department Secretary, Postage.....	15.00
73	Department President, Postage.....	5.00
74	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags.....	12.00
75	Department Treasurer, Rent and Salary.....	39.33
76	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary, Express.....	39.68
77	Hattie Ehrman, Relief to Army Nurse, R. F.....	25.00
78	Department Secretary, Mailing General Orders.....	2.53
79	Corrina P. Davie, Inspecting Corps at Schaller.....	1.30
80	Myra O. McFarland, Express on Staffs.....	1.23
81	Morehouse & Co., Printing General Orders No. 4.....	5.00
82	Morehouse & Co., Printing General Orders No. 5.....	2.00
83	Morehouse & Co., Printing Envelopes for Department Secretary	5.50
84	Morehouse & Co., Letterheads, Envelopes for Department President	6.00
85	Morehouse & Co., Printing Envelopes.....	3.50
86	Morehouse & Co., Printing Envelopes for Department Treasurer	2.50
87	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary, Postage.....	49.33
88	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary, Postage.....	44.33
89	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	254.38
90	National Treasurer, Per Capita Tax.....	287.63
91	Transferred from General Fund to Relief Fund.....	57.53

92	Department Treasurer, Postage.....	10.00
93	Department Secretary, Postage.....	10.00
94	Department Secretary, Telegrams.....	.70
95	Department Secretary, Registering Reports.....	1.90
96	Department President, Postage, Traveling Expenses.....	7.85
97	Jeretta Green, Relief for Soldier's Daughter, R. F.....	25.00
98	Department Treasurer, Freight.....	2.40
99	Department Treasurer, Freight.....	1.25
100	Department President, Hotel Rooms, Auditing Com.....	9.10
101	Department Treasurer, Traveling and Hotel Expenses.....	8.50
102	Department Secretary, Traveling and Hotel Expenses.....	7.73
103	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags.....	15.50
104	Elsie B. Wade, Traveling and Hotel Expenses.....	5.63
105	Emma H. Sheetz, Traveling and Hotel Expenses.....	6.90
106	Department President, Expenses Auditing Books.....	8.08
107	Department President, Express.....	.45
108	Mrs. G. L. Cooper, Flag Staffs Returned.....	1.25
109	Department Treasurer, Express.....	.43
110	Department Treasurer, Express.....	1.23
111	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary, Postage.....	49.88
112	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary, Postage.....	54.33
113	Lu L. Schrack, Postage and Printing Circular Letters..	8.30
114	D. W. Bushnell, Supplies.....	1.40
115	Department Secretary, Express on Treasurer's Reports.	.35
116	Morehouse & Co., Printing Letterheads, Envelopes, Etc..	15.00
117	Department Treasurer, Freight.....	1.25
118	Department Treasurer, Express.....	1.54
119	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary.....	39.33
120	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary.....	39.33
121	Department President, Convention Expenses.....	4.20
122	Jeretta Green, Relief for Soldier's Daughter, R. F.....	10.00
123	Department Treasurer, Postage.....	10.00
124	Department Secretary, Postage.....	15.00
125	Department President, Postage.....	5.00
126	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags.....	32.50
127	Morehouse & Co., Printing Roster, General Orders, Etc.	88.50
128	Department Treasurer, Express and Freight.....	2.13
129	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	400.79
130	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary, Postage.....	49.33
131	Department Treasurer, Express.....	1.14
132	Department Treasurer, Freight.....	1.00
133	Department Secretary, Rent, Salary, Express.....	39.63
134	Department Secretary, Supplies.....	1.50
135	Department Secretary, Registering Reports, Money Orders	1.08
136	Georgia Wade McClellan, Trip to Lohrville.....	4.00
137	Jeretta Green, Relief for Soldier's Daughter, R. F.....	10.00
138	National Treasurer, Per Capita Tax.....	292.22
139	Transferred to Relief Fund.....	58.44
140	Department President, Postage.....	3.00
141	Department Secretary, Official Trip to Marshalltown and Davenport	14.21
142	Department President, Official Trip to Marshalltown and Davenport	18.60
143	Morehouse & Co., Printing	4.00
144	Department President, Typewriting Convention Roll....	5.18

145	Department President, Telegrams.....	.55
146	Department Treasurer, Rent, Salary, Postage, Etc.....	49.51
147	Mary W. Hazari, Traveling Expenses.....	3.12
148	Department Secretary, Rent and Salary.....	39.33
149	Department Treasurer, Express.....	2.28
150	Lu L. Schrack, Postage.....	2.00
151	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	2.60
152	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	96.00
153	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	1.70
154	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	2.18
155	Hattie Ehrmin, Army Nurse, R. F.....	25.00
156	Jeretta Green, Relief of Soldier's Daughter, R. F.....	10.00
157	Captain Wallace Foster, Flags for Patriotic Inst.....	45.25
158	Anna M. Kistner, Expenses of Press Correspondent.....	5.23
159	Carrie I. Netcott, Sending Out Credentials, Etc.....	1.67
160	National Treasurer, Southern Memorial Fund.....	57.75
161	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	36.42
162	National Treasurer, Supplies.....	72.52
163	Department Treasurer, Express Bill, Supplies.....	3.58
164	Department Treasurer, Freight Bill, Supplies.....	1.25

\$5,161.14

INVOICE OF SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 29, 1914.

11	Bronze Pins.	1 General Order File.
6	Gold Pins, 14k.	3 Letter Files.
3	Gold Charms	1 Beath's Blue Book.
6	Rolled Gold Pins	1 Red Book, 1906.
2	Loyalty Pins	2 Sets Supplies for Organizing Corps.
14	Yards Badge Ribbon (Membership).	1 Large Electro (Badge).
11	Yards Badge Ribbon (Corps Officers).	2 Small Electros (Badge).
6	Yards Badge Ribbon (Department Officers).	1 Electro (Flag and Eagle).
28	Emblems.	6 Electros (Recognition Pin).
3	Corps Charters.	108 Specimen Sheets of Ledgers.
122	Rituals.	97 Specimen Sheets of Cash Books.
7	Corps Service Books.	325 Reports Form W.
53	Rules and Regulations.	17 Patriotic Primers.
400	Applications for Membership.	13 Patriotic Selections.
300	Corps Members' Arrearage Blanks.	4 Independence Charts.
5	Opening Ode, Sheet Music.	19 Mounted Oleographs.
5	Initiation March.	21 Membership Badges.
61	Ode Cards.	43 Officers' Badges.
42	Discharge Cards	7 Silk Flags, 32x48.
33	Visiting Cards.	5 Cotton Flags.
83	Transfer Cards.	14 Iron Stands for Flags.
4	Journals.	94 Silk Salute Flags, 8x12.
9	LEDgers.	7 Empty Badge Boxes.
1	Double Thick Ledger.	125 Ballot Balls.
6	Cash Books.	14 Silk Flags, 12x18.
7	Roll Books.	34 Silk Flags, 16x24.
11	Corps Sec. Order Books.	2 Echoes of Liberty.
3	Corps Treas. Receipt Books	21 Tossing Flowers on the Billows.

Total Value of Supplies.....	\$ 199.19 ³⁴
70 Flags, 8x12, furnished Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown.....	7.00
Total Value of Supplies furnished Dept. Officers during year.....	40.21
Furnished Corps No. 245, Flags Lost, Sent by Mail.....	2.30
Furnished Supplies to Corps Nos. 228-71-124, due from Department	1.81
CASH RECEIPTS—For sale of Supplies.....	\$1,625.98

Total	\$1,876.49 ³⁴
Supplies received from Mira O. McFarland.....	\$ 187.78
Disbursed for Supplies and Flags.....	1,333.88
Net gain.....	\$ 354.83 $\frac{3}{4}$
	\$1,876.49³⁴ \$1,876.49³⁴

In closing my work for the year with this financial report of the Department, I extend to our Department President, Secretary and Corps Treasurers, my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
CORNELIA T. DODD,
Department Treasurer.

Supplemental Report of Department Treasurer

GENERAL FUND.

Cash balance June 15, 1914.....	\$5,077.81
Received for Convention Flag Fund.....	1.00
Received for supplies.....	23.05
Total	\$5,101.86
Cash expended.....	516.01

Cash balance in General Fund..... \$4,585.85

RELIEF FUND.

Cash balance June 15, 1914.....	\$ 436.89
Received for Southern Memorial Fund.....	6.00

Total	\$ 442.89
Cash expended	6.00

Cash balance in Relief Fund..... \$ 436.89

Expended from General Fund.....	\$ 516.01
Expended from Relief Fund.....	6.00

Total expenditure..... \$ 522.01

Cash balance General Fund.....	\$4,585.85
Cash balance Relief Fund.....	436.89

Grand total in hands of treasurer..... \$5,022.74

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

No. of Order

165	National Treasurer, supplies.....	\$ 27.86
166	Morehouse and Co., printing General Orders.....	12.00
167	Department President, expenses to Spencer and Ocheyedan	10.42
168	Department President, expressage, telegrams.....	.87
169	Elsie B. Wade, expenses to and from Ocheyedan.....	17.56
170	Mary E. Snyder, auditing and convention expenses....	10.50
171	Christine S. Romans, convention telegrams and courtesies	4.32
172	Lu. L. Schrack, allowance, patriotic instruction by convention	25.00
173	Lu. L. Schrack, flags.....	10.00
174	Nancy Clapp, postage, etc.....	1.25
175	National Treasurer, supplies.....	14.36
176	D. W. Bushnell, supplies.....	.65
177	Elsie B. Wade, convention expenses.....	19.86
178	Lu. L. Schrack, convention expenses.....	6.47
179	C. E. Gerling, testimonial National President.....	4.00
180	Sue Browning, stenographic and convention expenses....	22.60
181	Carrie I. Nettcott, convention expenses.....	9.50
182	Anna M. Kistner, convention expenses.....	9.75
183	Addie E. Unangst, convention expenses, postage, ribbons	18.50
184	Morehouse & Co., printing President's address, Secretary and Treasurer's reports.....	40.25
185	Department Treasurer, rent, salary, convention expenses	54.01
186	Marie L. Basham, convention secretary expenses and testimonial	18.93
187	Janitor Presbyterian church, services.....	10.00
188	Maud W. Smith, convention musician.....	10.00
189	Department Secretary, rent, salary, convention expenses, expressage	52.55
190	Department President, testimonial by convention.....	25.00
191	Department President, convention expenses.....	11.70
192	Burlington hotel, room, meals, printed slips.....	56.10
193	Department President, convention expenses.....	12.00
193½	National Treasurer, Southern Memorial.....	6.00
Total		\$522.01
STATEMENT OF W. R. C. FUND IN THE HANDS OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, G. A. R., JUNE 15, 1914.		
Balance from the Thirty-ninth Encampment.....		\$91.60
Used to date.....		\$17.40
Balance		\$74.20
GEO. A. NEWMAN, A. A. G.		

Report of Department Chaplain

Chariton, Iowa, June 14, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

As required by R. and R., I submit my report as Department Chaplain to the Thirty-first Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps:

Number of members in good standing.....	11,689
Number of members taking part on Memorial Day.....	7,898
Number of children taking part.....	28,432
Number of Soldiers' graves decorated.....	18,580
Expense incurred by Corps.....	\$653.36
Number Corps serving refreshments to Post.....	36
Number of Corps contributing flowers.....	197
Number Corps Memorial for the "Unknown Dead".....	139
Number Corps as a body attending the Sabbath Memorial Services	178
Number Corps adjacent to large streams or bodies of water.....	70
Number Corps preparing tribute for Sailor-Soldier Dead.....	56
Amount contributions sent for Memorial Day in the South.....	\$64.75
Number of members lost by death, May 30th to May 30th.....	188

I have striven to do the work of the Chaplain to the best of my ability. Attended one District Convention. Assisted on the program of the presentation of a flag to a library. Inspected three Corps and was very courteously received by them. Prepared and conducted a program for our own dear deceased members, No. 17. Wrote one circular letter urging our Chaplains to be sure to send in their Memorial Day reports in due time. Now, I do sincerely desire to thank our Department President and all who so kindly advised me in my duties as Department Chaplain. I am indebted to our Past Department Chaplain, Mary E. Snyder, for courtesies to me, which will not be erased from my mind while I live. Now, my dear sisters, I am exceedingly sorry not to be able to meet with you in the convention I so much desired, but He knows best. I do hope and pray for a successful convention, and that no accident or sickness befall any member of the Woman's Relief Corps or Grand Army at convention. I wish to thank the two Corps, I do not remember the numbers, who sent me the pressed flowers and decorated envelopes with their report.

"Not to ourselves are we living,
Not to ourselves do we die,
Freely receiving and giving,
Soul after soul passes by,
Parts of one mighty procession,
Stretching from Eden's first dawn."

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

NANCY CLAPP,

Department Chaplain.



ANNA M. KISTNER
PRESS CORRESPONDENT



ELsie B. WADE
I. AND I. OFFICER



LU L. SCHRACK
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



FLORA E. POND
DELEGATE AT LARGE

Report of Department Inspector

Independence, Iowa, July 1, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:—I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the Thirty-first Department Convention, my report as Department Inspector:

In compliance with our laws, my first work was to appoint Assistant Inspectors and write letter of instructions. Forty-nine sisters were recommended and their appointment approved by Department President.

The work of the Inspectors was performed during the months of September, October and November. The reports of Inspections show that the larger per cent of the Corps are active, doing the work according to the ritual and following the laws governing the Order. The financial report is especially good, only one small bill for inspections being sent to the Department.

There are some weak Corps, but we hope some good live Aide will be able to reach each of these and help build them up again.

TABULATED REPORT.

Number of Corps in Department August 31, 1912.....	208
Number of Corps in Department August 31, 1913.....	204
Number of Corps reporting.....	195
Number of regular meetings in the year.....	3,681
Number of members in good standing.....	12,376
Average attendance of officers.....	9
Average attendance of members, including officers.....	19
Average fee for initiation, without price of badge.....	\$ 1.02
Average annual dues.....	.97
Amount of money in General Fund.....	12,558.08
Amount of money in Relief Fund.....	2,288.14
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Total amount in Corps' treasuries.....	\$14,846.22
Amount of money expended for relief.....	\$2,318.07
Amount of relief other than money.....	3,378.31
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Total amount given for relief.....	\$5,696.38
Amount of money turned over to Posts.....	\$1,242.82
Amount of money expended for patriotic work.....	2,582.52
Number of Corps having full number of rituals.....	166
Number of Corps having made all reports and paid all dues.....	191
Treasurers who notify all members in arrears.....	178
Treasurers who visit and explain laws to delinquents.....	149
Corps reporting members suspended when two quarters in arrears.....	113
Corps that do not do so.....	82
Corps sending quarterly reports to Post.....	165
Corps who do not do so.....	30
Corps working in harmony with Post.....	186

Corps not working in harmony with Post.....	4
Corps sending representatives to last Department Convention.....	143
Corps not sending representatives.....	52
Corps receiving report of Department Convention.....	155
Corps not receiving report.....	40
Corps having ritual memorized.....	83
Corps not having ritual memorized.....	112
Corps having ritual otherwise properly performed.....	153
Corps not having ritual properly performed.....	42
Number of Secretaries doing correct work.....	189
Number of Secretaries not doing correct work.....	6
Number of Treasurers doing correct work.....	177
Number of Treasurers whose work is incorrect.....	18
Corps whose books show they have been audited quarterly by the	

Auditing Committee.....	187
Corps whose books have not been properly audited.....	8

In compiling the report many items of interest show the loyalty and the strength of the Order and its devotion to the G. A. R.

My last official duty was to inspect the books of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer. They show careful, systematic work, neatness and accuracy. The Department is in fine condition financially, all accounts have been carefully examined and the Department Secretary's and Department Treasurer's books agree perfectly.

To our President, I want to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and our friendship of years has grown into love, and to thank the Assistant Inspectors for their time and earnestness in doing this work; your reports were good and you gave me ideas as to the needs of the smaller Corps. The year just closing holds pleasant memories of days and duties.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CARRIE I. NETCOTT,

Department Inspector.



SARAH FOX
DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

Report of Department Counselor

Muscatine, Iowa, June 16, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Dept. Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam:—According to the rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit to you my report as Department Counselor:

My duties as Department Counselor have not been arduous. I have been ready to assist our Department President at all times, and if I have been of service to her, I am well satisfied. In every way our Department President has rendered wise and just decisions and has proven herself fully capable of performing all the duties required of her.

It was a great pleasure to me to attend the National Convention in the capacity of an official. I acted as Assistant Inspector. Also attended several camp fires and social gatherings of our Order.

I wish to thank the Department President for the honor of serving as her Counselor.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

SARAH E. FOX,

Department Counselor.

Report of Instituting and Installing Officer

Akron, Iowa, June 8, 1914.

Alice Cooper, Department Secretary.

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Madam:—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I respectfully submit through you to the Thirty-first Department Convention, my report as Department Instituting and Installing Officer:

After my appointment, I wrote personal letters to many Commanders of Posts, asking their help and co-operation in organizing an Auxiliary to their Post, offering to assist them. I received few answers, and no encouragement. I also visited a number of towns and tried to interest the ladies in the work, but in this was not successful, but through the efforts of our Department President I have the pleasure of reporting the organization of a Corps in the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, October 24, 1913, with a membership of thirty-nine, and known as Gen. Sheridan Corps No. 356.

Through the kind courtesy of the Department President I was privileged to visit the Soldiers' Home at this time and assist in the organization of the Corps. January 30, 1914, Jas. Welch Corps No. 270 was reorganized at Orient with thirteen members, by Mary A. Tuttle, Department Junior Vice-President.

June 3, 1914, I had the pleasure of organizing a Corps at Ocheyedan, known as the R. J. O. McGowan Corps No. 357, with a membership of eighteen. I was assisted in this organization by the co-operation of Department Aide Emma R. Meader.

I have inspected five Corps, attended four District Conventions, also the National Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., and have written one hundred and forty-four official letters during the year.

After the election and installation of officers of the W. R. C., the following reports were received:

One hundred and ninety-eight Corps forwarded reports. Four sent no report. One hundred and eighty-eight installed in January, two installed later; eight failed to give date of installation. One hundred and seventy-eight were installed by members of the W. R. C.; eleven were installed by members of the G. A. R. Nine failed to name installing officer. Ninety-eight Corps held joint installation with Post. No. 73 and No. 200 held joint installation with Post and Sons of Veterans. Sixty held private installations. Sixteen Corps failed to report delegates elected. Eighteen Corps failed to report Alternates.

In conclusion, I wish to express to our Department President my appreciation of serving on her official staff. My relation with the official family has been most pleasant and congenial throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
ELSIE B. WADE,
Department I. and I. Officer.

Report of Patriotic Instructor

Parkersburg, Iowa, June 14, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:—Complying with our rules, I herewith send my report of the year's work done by the Patriotic Instructors of the Department:

1. Number of schools visited by Corps Patriotic Instructors....	442
2. Number of schoolrooms in which a flag has been placed.....	587
3. Number of schoolrooms in which the Declaration of Independence chart has been placed.....	44
4. Number of schoolrooms in which the Oleograph of the Origin and History of the Stars and Stripes has been placed....	135
5. Number of schools in which the Patriotic Primer has been placed	242
6. Number of Sunday Schools in which a flag has been placed...	251
7. Number of Flag Salute Leaflets distributed.....	1624
8. Number of Patriotic Contests held under direction of Corps..	17
9. Number of Corps in Department who observed Flag Day, June 14th	110
10. Number of Corps reporting work done for Humane Teaching.	22
11. Number of Leaflets on Humane Teaching distributed.....	446
12. Number of Bands of Mercy formed.....	3
13. Number of Corps reporting the observance of Peace and Arbitration Day, May 18th.....	41
14. Amount expended for Patriotic Work.....	\$1,730.17
15. Number of Corps who sent in report.....	177

The reports which have been sent to me from the various Corps have been in many cases accompanied by personal letters breathing the patriotism and loyalty of the members of our Order. All of our anniversaries have been faithfully observed and in many instances with grand and elaborate programs.

The amount of work which cannot be reported on our blanks which has been done throughout the state for the cause of patriotism cannot be estimated. I would that I could tell you of it all as the reports have come to me from the hearts of these true and noble women who have had charge of patriotic work in our Corps during the past year. I can only say to you that work has been done for the cause of patriotism and sheaves cast upon the altar of our country that must tend for better citizenship and loyal manhood and womanhood.

Only three Patriotic Instructors sent me name and address, as was provided by ruling of last National Convention. This should be urged upon Instructors as an essential part of their duties, which if properly performed would materially assist Department Patriotic Instructor.

A number of Corps report that all the schools in their vicinity have been supplied with flags. Among them are Nos. 9, 13, 27, 78, 88, 106, 110, 127, 141, 208 and 353. The Early Corps, No. 112, reports \$300 expended for a monument to the unknown dead, and Bedford No. 82, presented a play, the proceeds to start a fund for a monument. Many of the Patriotic Instructors report having reverently placed the burial flags upon the breasts of comrades who have passed over.

Poone, No. 18, reports having purchased a large silk flag with which to drape the caskets of departed comrades. Many Corps are planning work along patriotic lines which will be carried out in the near future. Memorial Day was universally observed and many Corps report having taken part in the exercises, a number furnishing flags for the children who assisted in decorating soldiers' graves. The soldiers were assisted on Memorial Sunday by Corps attending services in a body with them.

Rock Rapids, No. 55, presented a flag to the Boy Scouts; Mt. Vernon, No. 46, has raised \$326 toward a soldiers' monument, and Waterloo, No. 15, has placed 144 flags, one in each school and college room in the city. Shenandoah, No. 250, supplied twenty-six schools with flags and organized the Mattie E. Witter Band of Mercy. The Patriotic Instructor of this Corps answered every question on her report favorably, with the exception of No. 13. Jefferson, No. 251, also formed a Band of Mercy and also answered each question favorably, except failing to give amount of money expended. Guthrie Center, No. 207, also reports forming of Band of Mercy.

Mt. Pleasant, No. 33, placed silk flag in library. Colfax, No. 5, placed two flags in library. Independence, No. 144, placed Independence chart and oleograph in city library. Lake City, No. 200, placed oleograph in library and Chariton, No. 17, placed a silk flag in library. Britt, No. 227, placed flag in O. E. S. hall.

Many Corps report having given the service to the sailors and marines by casting flowers upon the water. Corps No. 24 of Des Moines gave a flag to the Jewish settlement house, and reports that all schools in the city salute the flag every morning. Oelwein, No. 281, has presented the Sons of Veterans with a flag and a large flag to the city. Grundy Center, No. 244, presented bunting flags to each school building and silk flags to each department in their schools. Des Moines, No. 27, has presented four flags to different organizations.

Eighteen silk flags have been presented to different schools by your Patriotic Instructor, 2,000 of the small silk flags pinned on the breasts of children and those interested in patriotic work. I have visited 30 schools, presented 3 oleographs, 8 primers, 6 patriotic selections, placed a flag on hall where my home Corps holds meetings, distributed 250 Perry pictures of Lincoln, prepared a synopsis of the Perfect Tribute and sent to each Patriotic Instructor in the state. Personally I have distributed 500 flag salute leaflets. The Department of Iowa has this year presented a parade flag to the Sons of Veterans for use at their meetings and also the large bunting flag which has been given to the Prospect Hill school at Burlington during the 1914 convention, also a large flag to the Presbyterian church where the convention was held.

In conclusion I wish to thank the department president, Mattie E. Witter, for the opportunity to serve her this year in the capacity of

Patriotic Instructor. It has been a year of devotion and beauty, and has formed in my heart new love for the cause. The work is uplifting and the help that has been given to me by the Instructors of the Corps all over our fair state has surely been the means of raising higher the standard of patriotism and love for our flag. I can only pray God's blessings upon each one of you and trust that your reward will be seeing the glorious fruits of your labors.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

LU L. SCHRACK,
Dept Patriotic Instructor.

Report of Editress and Press Correspondent

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:—I have the honor to submit through you to the Thirty-first Annual Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, my report as Press Correspondent from June, 1913, to June 1914.

Dailies	53
Weeklies	183
Dailies giving space.....	54
Weeklies giving space.....	151
Outside papers giving space	35
Corps Press Correspondents publishing items promptly.....	103
Corps Press Correspondents not publishing items promptly.....	3
Reporting such items to Corps.....	79
Not reporting such items to Corps.....	24
Sending quarterly reports to Dept. Press Correspondent.....	55
Not sending quarterly reports to Dept. Press Correspondent.....	50
Reporting items of special interest to Dept. Press Correspondent....	65
Not reporting items of special interest to Dept. Press Correspondent	40
Number of Corps in Department.....	203
Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting.....	110

The honor conferred on me by our Department President was unsought, but was greatly appreciated, as showing her confidence in me, and I accepted it resolved to do my full duty as it was given me to see that duty.

During the year I have received communications from the Corps Press Correspondents from every part of the State, many of these reporting several times, indicating that the ladies of that office are very much alive to their work, and the large amount of clippings that I received from them have been splendid: 110 Press Correspondents have sent excellent reports; 13 of the district conventions sent a complete report of work done, showing that our Department is growing and prospering.

In addition to the press work I have initiated more ladies into our Order (the past year) than any other President, the number being 52. I also had the pleasure of doing work as Assistant Inspector and was in attendance at the Eighth District convention.

To our Department President, Mattie E. Witter, I extend grateful thanks for the honor conferred in my appointment.

In closing would urge each Corps and individuals to subscribe for the "Advocate," (as the paper is coming back to Iowa), and help to make it a permanent and financial success, as an Iowa paper.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ANNA M. KISTNER,

Retiring Dept. Editor and Press Correspondent.



CARRIE I. NETCOTT
DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

Report of Department Senior Aide and Chief of Staff

Office of Department Aide and Chief of Staff,

Davenport, Iowa, June 1, 1914.

Mrs. Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Madam:—It is with pleasure that I present through you to the Thirty-first Department Convention the following report of work done by the Department Aides of 1913-1914.

Early in the year with the approval of the Department President I issued a personal letter to each of the Aides, extending a friendly greeting, and urging them to be watchful and earnest, putting forth their best efforts to advance the principles of our Order, urging them to seek to increase the membership, looking carefully after delinquent members, to encourage patriotism, and to strive in every way for the highest success of the Woman's Relief Corps.

In response to this letter from north and south, east and west, came letters full of loyalty, expressing an earnest desire to perform all the duties of the office that had been bestowed upon them. And now I bring to you some of the sheaves that have been gathered in.

Esther M. Spencer, Council Bluffs, Iowa.—Abe Lincoln Corps, No. 180, is not sleeping this year. I initiated ten new members, reinstated five and transferred one. We presented the Post with twenty-five dollars. We certainly are proud this year to have one of our members, Mrs. Mattie E. Witter, for Department President, and I thank her in appointing me as Aide.

Charlena Seidler, Winterset.—I desire to express my appreciation for the honor our Department President conferred on me as Department Aide. I have succeeded in reinstating three delinquent members and added ten new members.

Martha Schug, Strawberry Point.—I will endeavor to do all I can to increase the membership of our Corps.

Carrie Davidson, Clinton.—I feel highly honored to be appointed on the Department President's Staff. No. 10 is getting along nicely, having added ten new members the past year.

Anna Visnow, Akron: I have in the past year done all that I could to make a success of our work. We have one hundred and thirty-three members in good standing. To our Department President I extend love and thanks for the honor conferred upon me as Aide.

Nellie B. Lain, Bloomfield.—I always had the good of our Order at heart and will do all I can to help make this administration a success.

Ida M. Smyth Special Aide, Chariton.—I am Treasurer of our Corps, which consists of one hundred and ten members. We observed Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays in a fitting manner, also presented our library with a flag.

Nancy Taylor, Ames.—It has been my aim to put forth extra efforts that I might thus show my appreciation of the honor conferred.

Cora Waterman, Center Point.—I am doing all I can to make this year a success.

Susie Carter, Monroe.—I esteem it an honor to be an Aide to our beloved Department President.

Lue E. Flewelling, Oskaloosa.—We have been taking in new members all the year. I have only been absent from Corps meeting but once in six years.

Lizzie Sturges, Sioux City.—In performing the duty as Aide I have been instrumental in adding ten members to our roll. I have collected fourteen dollars from delinquent members and visited six Corps.

Mamie L. Norris, Prairie City.—Our Corps is progressing very nicely, and we are trying to make our comrades happy.

Lizzie Brown and Josephine Townsend of Lake City report they feel honored in having their names on the Staff and have worked hard to build up their Corps.

Lucy G. Bond, Denison—Our Corps is progressing very nicely under the leadership of our worthy President, Christine Romans. On Memorial day the comrades and their wives were the guests of the W. R. C. and enjoyed a dinner served by them at the hotel.

Ella Bronson, Waterloo.—Our Corps has made a large growth since last convention. I am glad to do all I can for the Grand Army.

Lula Belle Esher, La Porte City.—Our Corps is in a good condition and gaining in membership. We entertain the Comrades once a month, serving refreshments.

Jennie Trzcinski, Decorah.—We have one hundred and four members in good standing. I feel proud to be a Department Aide.

Evelyn E. Parke, Moville.—We have placed two flags in the high school and two in the Sunday schools and have responded to all calls from the Department.

Annie C. Fay, Cedar Falls.—No. 26 is in a splendid condition and has added twelve new members during the year. I am so glad to be on the Staff.

May Jones, Des Moines.—It gives me pleasure to report that No. 27 is always "up and doing." I have added five new members to our Corps, also one to our Post. We have presented flags to the Old People's Home, to the Camp Fire Girls, and to several schools. I wish to thank the President for appointing me as one of her Aides.

Lydia W. Nott, Marion.—Robert Mitchell Corps is never "weary in well doing." I thank our Department President for the honor conferred by my appointment as Aide.

Isaphenia Carpenter, Clear Lake.—We have a membership of one hundred and five. At the dedication of the new high school twelve flags were given. The presentation was made by Estella E. Plopper on the part of the Woman's Relief Corps in a very interesting manner.

Mary Boetcher, Davenport.—Am Treasurer of our Corps. During the year we have added several new members, gave a large flag to Ned Lee's Mission and a silk flag to the Second Presbyterian Sunday school on Memorial Sunday.

Mary E. Leming, Des Moines.—I have four new members to my credit this year, have visited the sick and needy, and attended the funerals of several Comrades.

Ldyia Chandler, Audubon.—Am Treasurer of our Corps for the fourth time and attend nearly all the meetings. We expect to erect a soldiers' monument in the near future.

Louise Adler, Ottumwa.—Nothing gives me more pleasure than working for the Corps. We have initiated thirteen members since February and there are prospects for more.

Elizabeth Saunders, Dubuque.—I have enjoyed serving as Aide this year, and have assisted in every way possible in reinstating delinquent members.

The following is a list of the names of the Special and Department Aides who have worked faithfully during the year for the welfare of our Order:

Georgia B. Worker, Davenport.
Mira L. Parker, Des Moines.
Frederica Philpot, Dubuque.
Estella E. Plopper, Iowa Falls.
Lena T. Ring, Cedar Rapids.
Marie L. Basham, Des Moines.
Sarah A. Fox, Muscatine.
Ray M. Hanchett, Waverly.
Mary A. Brown, Wyoming.
Ida M. Smythe, Chariton.
Nettie Guild, Fort Dodge.
Mary Gantz, Burlington.
Kate Hanchett, Waverly.
Olyvia Talcott, Maynard.
Celia Holman, Mason City.
Camilla Hall, Woodbine.
Nettie Brown, Council Bluffs.
Mary Abraham, Mt. Pleasant.
Annie E. Brown, Leon.
Laura Belle Walker, Cedar Rapids.
Emma E. Willey, Tipton.
Alice M. Davis, Logan.
Orynthia Booe, Nodaway.
Ella Bedell, Early.
Ella Hullinger, Glenwood.
Emma L. Wilson, Center Point.
Mary Penfield, Clarion.
Ella Mawhor, Tabor.
Abigail Runkle, Eldora.
Angie Dunlap, Clarinda.
Florence Ballentyne, Janesville.
Irene Trobough, New Virginia.
Jennie Lockwood, Osceola.
Myrtus Case, Redfield.
Nellie McDonald, Lohrville.
Addie C. Fay, Fredericksburg.
Belle F. Bryte, Shenandoah.
Emma S. Bennett, Lenox.
Mary A. Tuttle, Woodbine.
Sylvia A. Barger, Clarinda.
Effie Owen, Marengo.
Kate Aikens, West Liberty.

Adelie St. John, Riceville.
Rachel Chamberlain, Decatur.
Adelie Conners, Mason City.
Laura Boysen, Grundy Center.
Alice Merlien, Parkersburg.
Kate Livingston, Spencer.
Lena D. Peters, Dunlap.
Lucy F. Beckman, Emmetsburg.
Matilda Smith, Bedford.
Emily Kerr, Victor.
Ella Thomas, Keokuk.
Naomi Bradley, Jefferson.
Susan McGuire, Oelwein.
Martha Ingram, Sac City.
Mary Millet, Muscatine.
Martha Tripp, Randalia.
Josephine Lane, Dubuque.
Elizabeth Carter, Manchester.
Flora E. Bryan, Jefferson.
Pearl E. Spencer, Ft. Madison.
Sarah First, Wyoming.
Martha Adams, Maynard.
Elizabeth Brough, Ottumwa.
Louise Clark, Storm Lake.
Jennie Davenport, Odebolt.
Arminta Snyder, Brooklyn.
Emmeline Thompson, Vinton.
Martha Murphy, Minburn.
Nellie J. Hazard, Marathon.
May McDonald, Bayard.
Minerva Sloun McGregor.
Almeda Taylor, Nashua.
Amy Bennett, Ames.
Sarah Tiffany, Oelwein.
Emma F. Morrison, Fairfield.
Nettie L. Ward, Audubon.
Hattie L. Gilbert, Algona.
Alice Applegate, Oakland.
Mary E. Lias, Akron.
Sue Browning, Muscatine.
Viola L. Jones, Cincinnati.
May Flynn, Riverside.

Elizabeth Aisten, Logan.	Anna V. Coles, Mount Pleasant.
Lottie Leonard, Glidden.	Ethel B. Hayden, Lake View.
Adelia Giffen, Central City.	Flora Thorsen, Rock Rapids.
Lauretta Cowles, Chariton.	May Pier, Dubuque.
Cornelia McGrew, Logan.	Margaret Meyers, Missouri Valley.
Rosa Terrill, Sigourney.	Kate McCurdy, Hazelton.
Flora Nott, Sutherland.	Celia White, Marshalltown.
Lida Corbin, Delhi.	Izetta Shaffer, New Hampton.
Emma Harper, Osceola.	Virginia Underwood, Emmetsburg.
Julia Jennings, Red Oak.	Anna A. Leonard, Toledo.
Flora Thomas, Rock Rapids.	Julia Holmes, Iowa Falls.
Mamie S. Willets, Lenox.	Delia Manuel, Britt.
Christine S. Romans, Denison.	Julia Fairchild, Walker.
Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison.	Kate Hanchett, Waverly.
Jennie Iowa Berry, Cedar Rapids.	Nellie Busby, Creston.

There is a sincere regret that space cannot be given for a more complete report of the work done during the year.

The many letters received expressing kindly regard and good will for our Department President proves that the work accomplished by the Aides upon her Staff has been largely influenced by their love for her, as well as a desire to advance the interests of our Order.

To the Aides who have responded so willingly and so readily to all requests my thanks are due. Without their assistance I could have done nothing. I shall never look into faces of many of them, but enshrined within my heart, amid the pleasantest memories of this year will always be a feeling of love and gratitude in recognition of their loyalty and devotion to me and to the work in which we have been engaged.

In closing my report I wish to extend my hearty thanks to the Department President and my appreciation of the honor conferred by my appointment as Chief of Staff.

My year's work with "my president" will always remain a pleasant memory.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
ADDIE E. UNANGST,
Senior Department Aide.

The Chattanooga Convention

Report of Flora E. Pond, Delegate from the Department of Iowa.
To the Department President, Officers and Members of the Department of Iowa W. R. C.:

I submit to you my report as Delegate-at-Large to the Thirty-first National Convention held at Chattanooga, Tenn., September 15, 16 and 17, 1913.

I went to Des Moines on Sunday morning and at 9:30 P. M. met the Iowa delegation who were to go on the special Iowa train. Commander and Mrs. Willetts, Assistant Adjutant Geo. A. Newman; Department President Mattie E. Witter and Mr. Witter, Department Secretary Alice Cooper, Past Department President Marie L. Basham and others were of the party. Our train was under the supervision of Mr. Kline, general passenger agent, and Mr. A. C. Burrows, traveling passenger agent of the C. R. I. & P. and New York Central lines. These gentlemen stayed with us until we were in Chattanooga and looked after our comfort in a way that left nothing to be desired. Our trip throughout was one of pleasure. We arrived in Chicago on schedule time, were taken to the Saratoga Hotel, where we found others from over the state who had arrived during the night. We were joined during the day by many more so that when our train left Chicago there were about 250 Comrades and W. R. C.'s on their way to the Southland. Tuesday morning found us on the borderland of Kentucky; the morning was bright and clear and we enjoyed the scenery through the blue grass region.

As we neared Chattanooga all were eager to catch the first glimpse of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, which could be seen from the train. Just as they came into view our train was delayed by some trouble with the engine. We had a wait of about three-quarters of an hour, so all had the chance to get a good view of the two historic battle grounds.

Long before we reached the depot we could see "Old Glory" floating from many of the higher buildings. It was about 2:00 P. M. when we arrived and were met by Comrades and W. R. C. ladies and taken at once to the Eastern Hotel, where Headquarters were established, and our Chief of Staff Addie Unangst opened our rooms, put up our banners and flags and we were ready to receive callers. Many of the other Departments called on us and were welcomed by our President, Mrs. Witter, and Secretary, Mrs. Cooper, and Chief of Staff.

As soon as possible we went to National Headquarters, where we were given our Delegate badges. As National Recruiting Aide, I reported to National Senior Aide and Chief of Staff Lizzie Belle Cross, and was told to report for duty at her room at 9 A. M., Wednesday.

Wednesday morning dawned cold and raining. The parade was to start prompt at 10:00 o'clock, but on account of the rain was a little late. The reviewing stand was on Market street, but on account of the rain many seats were not occupied. The line of march was one mile

long through the principal streets of the city. Comrades who had fought in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil war, some of them on the same ground they were on then, marched in a steady down-pour of rain, and were greeted all along the line by the waving of flags and hearty cheers from thousands of people. Directly across from the reviewing stand was the Living Flag, composed of the children of the South. It was truly an inspiring sight to see them and hear them cheering the boys in blue as they marched by, each child waving our dear red, white and blue.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock an open meeting of the W. R. C. was held in the First M. E. church. An immense crowd was in attendance, completely filling the audience room. The church was beautifully decorated with flags, pink and white asters and American Beauty roses. From the balcony hung the pennants of the various states represented. After prayer by the National Chaplain, Sara Brown, and singing by the audience, National President Geraldine E. Frisbie then read her annual report of the year's work. While the report seemed long it was good from the beginning to the end and contained many good thoughts and suggestions, showing a thorough knowledge of the work of the Order along all lines.

Following the President's address Hon. John B. Lewis of the National Patriotic Instructors' Association explained the work of the Order. Response was made by Sophia Strathearn, National Patriotic Instructor.

Daughters of Veterans brought greetings from their organization. Response by Lizzie Belle Cross. Tribute to the Blue and Gray was given by little Mary Van Flank of Wisconsin, in a poem to the flag. She said she belonged to both armies for her grandfather wore the gray and her father wore the blue. Several handsome gifts were then presented to National President Mrs. Frisbie from her Aides and associate officers, after which impressive Memorial Services were held for our loved ones who have gone before, conducted by National Chaplain Sara L. Brown.

Rousing campfires were held at several places each evening. Prominent G. A. R. men, W. R. C. women and citizens were among the speakers. As one entered the large Auditorium the sight that met one's eyes was magnificent. The immense room was almost completely filled. The decorations were beautiful; there were flags, banners, pennants and bunting everywhere and the committee on decorations are to be congratulated on the artistic display of our National colors. The Department Commander of Tennessee presided and a splendid program was given. A hearty welcome to all visitors was extended by the Mayor of the city. A letter was read from the Governor of Tennessee expressing his regret at not being able to be there, but extending the right hand of fellowship to all.

Wednesday evening the National President and Staff held a reception in the large ball room at Hotel Patten for the Commander in Chief, Alfred M. Beers, and his Staff, the receiving line being stationed at the south side of the room guarded by a detachment of Sons of Veterans and Ladies Aides. The decorations here were of the national colors in flags and bunting. Music was furnished by the Seventeenth Regiment Band of Ft. McPherson.

Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock convention opened for the first regular business session. The church was too small to seat all voting

delegates on the lower floor so a part of them had to sit in the gallery. After some delay all were located and the meeting was called to order by the President. Past National Officers were then introduced. There were thirteen Past National Presidents present.

A committee from Daughters of the Revolution brought greetings.

Mrs. Cole of Chattanooga brought greetings from the two Corps of the city and the Department of Tennessee.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon session read and approved. Many more elegant gifts were presented National President, Senior Vice President and Secretary, also gifts were presented to Department Presidents. While the giving of these beautiful gifts as a testimonial of the love and esteem we have for our leaders has become a custom, it was the voice of the convention that the presentation of gifts should be postponed until after all business has been transacted as many of the ladies are at a great expense to attend the convention and feel they must get all they can of the convention as soon as possible.

S. V. President, Mrs. Ball, held up for our inspection an Admiral's flag, made on board the Olympia, four large white stars in a field of blue.

Luncheon was served in the Sunday school room of the church for the delegates by the two Corps of the city, assisted by the Ladies' Aid of the church.

Thursday afternoon session convened at 1:30. Roll call found 400 voting delegates present.

Nominations for National President were: Isabell Worrel Ball, Washington, D. C.; Belle Bliss of Nebraska; Carrie Bahrenburg of Illinois; Lois M. Knauff of Ohio, and Ida S. McBride of Indiana. All nominated declined in favor of Ida S. McBride, who was unanimously elected National President, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the convention. Chloe A. Warren of Connecticut was then elected S. V. P.; Mahala A. Archer of Tennessee, J. V. P.; Abbie Lynch, Treasurer; Sarah Bradford of Montana, Chaplain.

Delegations from the G. A R. then were introduced, each Comrade giving to the W. R. C. the greetings of their convention.

Delegations from the Sons of Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R. from Maine were then admitted, each one bringing greetings for the order they represented. Response to all greetings were given by Past National Officers of the W. R. C.

Friday morning convention opened promptly at 9:00 o'clock by Senior Vice-President Isabell Worrel Ball. After prayer by Chaplain and the Opening Ode, the minutes of Thursday afternoon meeting were read and approved.

The President then took the gavel and proceeded with the business of the session. The five members of the Executive Board were then elected.

Committees on the reports of the National Officers read their reports, showing faithful, painstaking work on the part of each officer.

There were fifty-six resolutions to be considered by the convention. Many of them brought out much discussion. Some important changes are to be made in the Rules and Regulations and Ritual. The last six resolutions were left with the committee.

The hour was late, but Mrs. Ball, S. V. P., had her report on the "Desecration of the Flag." She did not want to take up any of our

time, but the convention insisted on hearing the report, so she consented to read a part of it.

It is a great pity she could not have given the report earlier in the day for the benefit of all the Delegates. It was deeply interesting and instructive and should have had a better hearing. Installation of officers was the next order of business.

Past National President Agnes Hitt acted as installing officer; Carrie Sparklin, Past National President, conductor, and Harriet J. Bodge, Past National President, Chaplain. The following officers were duly installed:

National President—Ida S. McBride, Indiana.

National Senior Vice President—Chloe A. Warren, Connecticut.

National Junior Vice President—Mahala A. Archer, Tennessee.

National Treasurer—Abbie Lynch, Pennsylvania.

National Chaplain—Sara J. Bradford, Montana.

National Counselor—Abbie A. Adams, Nebraska.

National Secretary—Sara C. White, Indiana.

National Inspector—Marie L. Basham, Iowa.

National I. and I. Officer—Ella Stevens, Missouri.

Patriotic Instructor—Sophia Strathearn, Wisconsin.

National Press Correspondent—Mary M. North, Virginia.

Executive Board—

Regina Demarest, New York.

Nellie Dodge Whitbeck, Michigan.

Mary Brown, South Dakota.

Lizzie Belle Cross, California.

Mary Rockhold, Texas.

Ways and Means Committee—

Geraldine E. Frisbie, Chairman, California.

Mrs. Hampton, Michigan.

Mrs. Bahrenburg, Illinois.

Resolutions of thanks were offered by the session to the citizens of Chattanooga for their boundless hospitality, to members of Chattanooga W. R. C. and Pastor C. H. Myers and members of First M. E. church for the use of the church for the business sessions of the convention.

The thanks of all G. A. R. and W. R. C.'s were extended to the committee on decorations for the magnificent display all over the city. The buildings and streets were made brilliant by the innumerable flags, pennants, bunting and electric lights used. It was truly a grand spectacle and Chattanooga is to be congratulated upon gorgeous decorations everywhere.

We visited the National Cemetery where 3,811 of the known dead, and 2,334 of the unknown dead are buried. As we looked over this vast resting place of so many brave men who gave their lives for their country we felt we were on hallowed ground, made so by the blood of fathers, husbands, sons and brothers who had responded to our country's call in her hour of peril.

Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and other places of interest were visited. Much time was spent in the War Museum on Lookout Mountain and on the point of rock overlooking Moecasin Bend.

We called at the union depot and saw the "General," the engine made famous by the Andrews Raiders in April, 1862. It has been given a prominent place in the depot and will remain there permanently as a monument to American valor.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who made this trip to the Thirty-first National Convention possible for me. It has been the means of bringing me into a closer relationship with those in authority and has strengthened my desire to work for the Comrades and our loved Order Again I thank you.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FLORA E. POND,

Oct. 20, 1913.

Delegate-at-Large,

Approved

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Mattie E. Witter, Department President.

Alice M. Cooper, Department Secretary.



MARY R. SNYDER
CHAIRMAN EX. BOARD



EMMA SHEETZ
MEMBER OF BOARD



MARY W. HAZARD
CHAIRMAN HOME BOARD



ELIZABETH BEAL
MEMBER OF BOARD

Report of Auditing Committee

Burlington, Iowa, June 17, 1914.

Department President, W. R. C.:

We, the undersigned committee, have examined the books of the Department Secretary, Alice Cooper, and Department Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd, and compared receipts and vouchers for moneys received and disbursed for the Department year 1913-14, and find that the amount on hand as shown by cash book corresponds with amount of cash in bank and shows balance as follows:

General Fund	\$5,077.81
Relief Fund	436.89

The books are in excellent shape and we have reason to congratulate the Department of Iowa on the faithfulness of these officers.

In F. C. and L..

MARY E. SNYDER.

CARRIE I. NETCOTT,

Appointed to fill vacancy.

Report of Relief Committee

Tabor, Iowa, June 1, 1914.

Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:—The Department Relief Committee respectfully submit the following report of money expended for relief during the year, as follows:

Hattie Erhman, army nurse, Dec. 20, 1913.....	\$25.00
Jeretta Green, soldier's daughter, Feb. 2, 1914.....	25.00
Jeretta Green, soldier's daughter, Mch. 24, 1914.....	10.00
Jeretta Green, soldier's daughter, Apl. 20, 1914.....	10.00
Jeretta Green, soldier's daughter, May 19, 1914.....	10.00
Hattie Erhman, army nurse, May 16, 1914.....	25.00

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ABBIE HANLEY, 314,
SYLVIA H. BARGER, 71,
EMMA S. BENNETT, 136.

Report of Soldiers' Home Board

Mrs. Alice Cooper,

Department Secretary, W. R. C.

I have the honor to submit the following report:—Our Department President, Mrs. Mattie E. Witter, Mrs. Alice Cooper, Department Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Hinman, Mrs. Celia White and Mrs. Mary W. Hazard visited the Home in all departments. All is being done by the Commandant and his official staff for the comfort of all its inmates. We saw the food which was given them to eat. It was good, appetizing and plenty. Mrs. Newell, Superintendent of Nurses, reports that jellies will be appreciated: also cushions for chairs, 18 inches square, and bed pads, may vary in size. We visited the morgue, stood by the bier of a Comrade who had gone to answer the last roll call.

Number of men present	481
Number of women present	184
Total present	665
Number of men absent	279
Number of women absent	148
Total absent	427
Number of men in hospital	138
Number of women in hospital	41
Total in hospital	179
Total membership of Home.....	1,092

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. HAZARD,
MARGARET HINMAN,
CELIA WHITE.



J. W. WILLETT
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Report of Department President to Department Commander

Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 16, 1914.

J. W. Willet,

Commander Department of Iowa Grand Army of the Republic.

My Dear Commander:—It is with pleasure I present for your consideration this report of the work done by your Auxiliary during the past year.

Number of Corps in the Department, June	203
Number of Members in good standing.....	11,689
Total number Members in the Department.....	12,258
Balance in the Department General Fund.....	\$5,077.81
Balance in the Relief Fund.....	436.89
Total cash in Department Fund, May 29, 1914.....	5,514.70
Cash expended from Department Relief Fund.....	162.75
Cash expended for Relief by Corps.....	2,103.51
Estimated value of Relief other than money.....	4,591.37
Total value of Relief during the year.....	6,857.63
Total number of persons assisted.....	1,891
Amount of cash turned over to Posts by Corps.....	1025.33
Amount expended for patriotic work.....	1,730.17
Amount of money to Southern Memorial Fund.....	63.75
Value of flags presented to Jennie Wade Memorial, Sons of Veterans, School, Church.....	52.25
Value of donations to Soldiers' Home	362.41
Value of donations to Orphans' Home	90.27
Number of burial flags furnished Soldiers' Home.....	70

Pledging the continued loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps and wishing you a successful ending of your administration, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MATTIE E. WITTER,

Department President.

Proceedings of Convention

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Senior Vice President: Ladies, you have listened to this most splendid report of our Department President. What is your pleasure?

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. Senior Vice President, I move that this most complete and comprehensive report be received and referred to the proper committee. Seconded by Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83, who added that a rising vote of thanks be given our President for her very able address, placing especial attention upon the fact that she closes her year with not one delinquent Corps. Motion carried.

Senior Vice President: Ladies, you have heard this motion that we receive this splendid report. Just think of it, not one delinquent Corps. All in favor rise. All arose; motion declared carried.

Department President: I thank the convention.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Washington Gardner, and his National Aide, Mr. Murphy, were announced in waiting, also J. M. Storrar, Chairman of the General Committee of Burlington.

Department President: Color Bearers, attention! Conductors, you will present these gentlemen at the platform. Georgia Wade McClellan, you will assist by conducting the Commander-in-Chief.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the high honor to present to you the head of our whole organization, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Washington Gardner. Also his National Aide, Mr. Murphy, and J. M. Storrar, Chairman of the General Committee, of Burlington. Convention, salute these distinguished gentlemen. (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief Gardner: Mrs. President and Mrs. National President, and ladies of the convention:—You are just in the midst of your work, that which has brought you here, and the noon hour will soon be here when you will of necessity have to adjourn if you share in the parade; so I will not detain you with any extended remarks. I bring you the greetings of the 180,000, perhaps less rather than more, of the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have in the nation a number something like 430,000 surviving veterans of the Civil War, judging from the last report of the pension commissioner, but you see we have quite a little less than 200,000 in the Grand Army of the Republic. And yet all the real help in the way of legislation for the veterans has come through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. So we feel we are sort of a representative body in the mind of the public. They think all veterans are Grand Army men. I wish everyone who participated in that great struggle might become a member of our organization, and the best influence we have to get members in is the Woman's Relief Corps. I find they are giving special attention to this phase of the work. In some localities they find out the men who served in the war and make

it mighty uncomfortable for them until they join us. When a woman's heart is in a work she leaves nothing undone. And in this way the Woman's Relief Corps is serving as in days before in recruiting. Another, and there are many ways, another is in keeping members from lapsing for non-payment of dues. Now it may be thought by some, "Why every old soldier gets a pension and therefore he ought to pay his dues." With dues and debts and high cost of living it is a debatable question; and if he does not own a home and pays rent, and even if his wife should dress exceedingly modestly and plainly and he lives humbly and confines his buying purely to the necessities, and live for thirty days on his pension, he must spend much of his time sharpening his pencil so that he may figure out how to make both ends meet. (Applause.) So it becomes a real task to keep up his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. I have found this in different states. Of course assistance should be through the proper channels of Post Commander or Quartermaster as the case may be. And another thing, do not let any wife of a Comrade be dropped from your roll for non-payment of dues if unable to pay them. That has saved many a Comrade to our Order and the strength of our Order is your strength as well as ours.

Every veteran should belong to us. Everything in the way of legislation put on the statute books of the nation from year to year in any way favorable to the veterans of the Civil War has been put there very largely through the influence of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) And what benefits the Comrades benefits his wife, and when a Comrade is gone, his wife becomes the sharers of the care of the government and that benefits her, and if she has minor children leaning upon her support is appreciated.

I was down in Washington a short while ago and went over the pension matters with the Senate committee and took up with them the bill that seeks to remove the time limitation from widows. You remember that law was passed making ineligible to pensions widows of any soldier, barring certain special exceptions, who were married to the soldier after June 27th, 1890. That will be twenty-four years now in a few days. If any woman was married to a soldier since that date and her husband dies she would be ineligible to a pension. Now, my wife says a woman who has lived with an old soldier for twenty years ought to have a pension. (Laughter.) And so we are doing the best we can to get the limitation removed. The bill has been reported favorably by the committee. The chairman said it would carry if it comes up and if it does not come up at this session it certainly would come up later. The Grand Army of the Republic has set its heart on this legislation and we will not stop until we get it. (Applause.)

I did not mean to talk so long. I do appreciate this great organization. I did not know the wide reach of the patriotic work you are doing—I did not realize it until lately. Everywhere I have been I have seen the influence of your patriotic education. Everywhere I go I find the Woman's Relief Corps doing the same kind of work, and on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic I want to thank you for the spirit and aims and work of your splendid organization. (Applause.)

Mr. J. M. Storar: Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. President, I feel embarrassed. I was not last night because there were men there, but as I stand before this audience of beautiful women,

I am embarrassed, but I am pleased, indeed, to be here. It is a great honor to me, and I came more to see than to make a speech; came because perhaps my coming would more impress the warmth of your reception to our city. The members of my committee, of which I am chairman, have had a great many things to do, but it has been a great pleasure to receive your society and I want to assure you we outsiders appreciate your work. The way in which you have received me has been far bigger reward than I anticipated. I am sure you are doing an exceptional work and that you will continue. We talk about the hardships endured by the men, but I know the ladies of the war—I am not speaking to any of them now. You all are far too young to have lived at that time—who were left behind had far greater odds to endure. The men who fought the battles had it hard enough, but the loyalty of the women who were left behind must not be forgotten. (Applause.)

I happen today to be two men in one—I am also a trustee of this church and assure you it is a great pleasure to find such an assembly here in this church. I hope you will put up with the workmen—we were sorry to have to have them here at this time. But if they annoy you we will have them wait until you are gone. Ladies, I thank you.

Department President: We are glad to have the Commander-in-Chief with us in our convention and the National President and Past National President. Our own Past National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, will respond.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, Commander-in-Chief, Comrades, and members of the convention—I wish I might be touched with the fire of eloquence that I might say to the Commander-in-Chief the things this convention would like to have said.

Each year the Department of Iowa looks forward to the day of Department convention. We plan for it, and dream of it, and often sacrifice to attend it. And when the week of realization comes, amidst the fast flying hours of the sessions there is one shining hour that stands out above all others, and it is the time the Boys in blue come bringing their chief of the Grand Army of the Republic with greetings

We always have a welcome for our Iowa Comrades for the beautiful bonds of friendship there is between us; and as our heads become a little grayer their visits become dearer. And when they come bringing with them him who is supreme in leadership of your great organization, then, indeed, do we consecrate ourselves anew to our chosen work.

Four years ago they brought one from Minnesota to whom we were not strangers. And again one whose wife had rendered us efficient service and whom we all loved. Afterward a Commander-in-Chief from Illinois, just across our border; and now comes one whose military record, whose record in time of war is only rivaled by his record in time of peace, who brings the greetings of thousands of the boys from the rank and file of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose presence is a confirmation of the bond between them and ourselves. What can we say? We renew our pledge of fealty and that pledge we will keep faithful to the end.

Mr. Commander-in-Chief, we thank you, and Mrs. National President, we thank you both for your presence here today. You have added to our convention, have renewed our zeal in our work, and for your greetings accept the thanks of the Department of Iowa. (Applause.) The Comrades were presented with badges and escorted from the room.

convention standing singing, "Marching Through Georgia," and giving chautauqua salute.

Department President: This is the hour set for our memorial service, which is in the hands of Margaret Hinman and I will give way.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Margaret Hinman: Ladies of the convention, the hour is here for the memorial services and we will begin at once. First is music—an organ solo, "My Rosary," by Maud Whedon Smith, No. 117.

Prayer by Mrs. Hinman: Dear Father, the hour has come, that quiet, sweet, solemn hour that we shall list to that honored roll of the dead and call to mind sweet memories. Let us remember the message that came from the Lord, "Be still for I am God." We ask that guiding hand and comforting that come to us from Him when we are bereaved. Be with us in this service and at last bring us with those who have gone out before. We ask for Christ's sake, amen.

We will now hear the quartette, "Somewhere the Sun is Shining," by Messrs. J. H. Kratz, J. Langenberg, G. S. Siefel, T. H. Zanier.

Reading, "Just Over the Hill," by Lulu C. White of Oskaloosa:

Just over the hill is a valley serene,
With Amaranths blooming and verdured in green.
Not the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars shed their light;
They are needed no longer, for there is no night.
And a peace rests upon it, like dew on the sod;
As if it were kissed to its calmness by God.

Just over the hill is a river that flows,
Bringing health, bearing blessings wherever it goes.
No prow marks its surface, no storm stirs its deep;
It is peaceful as Heaven, and restful as sleep.
And far from it linger all discord and strife.
As it flows on forever, that River of Life.

Just over the hill there is music, too sweet
For such as are mortal to catch and repeat.
There are harp-tones and voice-tones that mingle in one.
And the strain is unceasing; it never is done.
Oh, what wonder such music the spirit should move
When its theme is Salvation, its burden is Love.

Just over the hill once again I shall see
The loved and the lost who are waiting for me.
Their faces are shining: their garments are white;
They walk among lilies and live in the Light.
Their joy is surpassing their peace is sublime,
Unchanged through the gathering cycles of time.

Just over the hill, ah! my life will begin,
When freed from this desperate struggle with sin;
The Life that is real and lasting and blest,
With its marvel of rapture, its fullness of rest.
I will strive as I suffer, and strive with a will
Till that new life commences, just over the hill.

Just over the hill there's a welcome for me
From the Hand that was wounded on Cavalry's tree.
I can bear all privations and sorrows and pain
That Presence to reach and that handclasp to gain.
Let me learn to be patient, submissive, and still,
While I wait for that welcome, just over the hill.

Vocal solo by Mrs. Weideman of Burlington, "Some Sweet Day."



JENNIE LATHROP WHEDAN
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Tribute to Jennie Lothrop Whedon, Past Department President

By Estella E. Plopper, Past Department President

Jennie Lothrop Whedon, daughter of Caleb Bailey Lothrop and Jane Hatch, was born in Johnson County, Vermont, July 8th, 1852. Her parents came west to Rock Island, Ill., the same year, and in 1856 removed to Fort Des Moines, where they lived until 1862, when they went to Winterset. This became the family home. In 1871 Jennie was married to Mr. W. S. Whedon, a prominent citizen, and Cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset. God called her suddenly into His presence August 21, 1913.

Of the six children who came to bless this home, two died in infancy; Raymond, who served in the Spanish-American War, died in 1911, at the age of thirty-four years. Mr. Whedon and three daughters, Mrs. Maud Smith, Mrs. Nelson Bertholf, and Winifred, survive Mrs. Whedon.

When the sad message came, "Mother died suddenly this evening with a stroke of Apoplexy, living an hour after the attack," my mind could scarcely grasp its contents. Mrs. Berry and myself had so lately returned from Winterset, where we had been privileged to visit Mrs. Whedon after the Des Moines Convention, it seemed impossible she could have left us. Instantly, in spirit, we were within the fine, old home, set like a jewel in its spacious grounds. The spirit of true hospitality inhabited the quiet, restful rooms, and our dear friend was her deft hand-maiden, supplying unspoken wants, and devising plans for our comfort and pleasure. It seemed impossible that ministering spirit had departed.

Dear, brave Jennie Whedon. A good citizen, a loyal friend, a devoted wife and mother, and ardent patriot.

The sudden death of Mrs. Whedon was a great blow to the people of Winterset, where she had resided for more than fifty years, where she had been identified with every movement for the upbuilding of the town. A leader in church, school and literary circles, her death is a distinct loss to Winterset. An editorial in one of the local papers says: "Probably no other woman in Winterset was so prominently associated with the affairs of the community as Mrs. Whedon. Hers was a busy life, engaged with public affairs, yet finding time for a kindly interest in all her friends. She will be missed in many a home circle, where her friendship was prized and where her memory will long be cherished." She was a valued citizen.

Mrs. Whedon was a loyal friend. Her friendship was so steadfast and of so broad a character, it did not require constant companionship or communication to feed it. You learned to count on her loyalty. You knew her friendship once won, was always yours, and anticipated the bright smile and firm hand-clasp which marked her greeting. Her fine presence, strong character and intellectual gifts made her a

natural leader. Her keen sense of humor and brilliant repartee made her a delightful companion, while tempering all, was a broad toleration for the mistakes and weaknesses of humanity. Unselfish and helpful she looked at life from many angles, thus getting the viewpoint of many. Her attitude was that of the poet:

"Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I."

As wife and mother, Mrs. Whedon was truly "the pillar of the house, or the fire upon the hearth, which else were colder than a stone," for she was the central fire, around which the family revolved, from which it drew warmth and tenderness. The relations between her daughters and herself were ideal. Mother and sister in one, her monument is in their hearts and lives erected by her wise teachings and noble example.

"God wanted a heart so tender,
As to feel the breath of life.
He wanted a hand most gentle
To soothe in the time of strife.
He wanted an eye to sparkle
When other eyes were cold,
And lips to wear a smile of love
Above the pain untold.
God wanted a faith so constant
That time could work no change;
He wanted a way so winning
That manly powers should range
Themselves about that being
And give the homage due,
And so God made a mother
And gave her to me and you."

Mrs. Whedon was very proud of her descent from her Grandfather Hatch, who was a Revolutionary soldier. Love of country and the flag were inborn, and she was interested in all patriotic work. She was instrumental in organizing Pitzer Relief Corps No. 117, and was its President for more than twenty years, bringing the Corps to a high state of efficiency. She soon became interested in Department work in the Order, and re-districted the State while Department Inspector. She was elected Senior Vice-President of the Department in 1902, and was chosen Department President in 1910. Her devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic and the principles of the Woman's Relief Corps, coupled with her well-known enthusiasm and activity, made her administration a success. Her influence and work along patriotic lines was greatly valued, and her place in the Woman's Relief Corps of Iowa was permanently established.

She has gone, but the good she has done will always live in the hearts of those who have known and loved her. Her wish that she might not pass away after lingering illness was granted, for while dressing to go out for the evening, apparently as well as usual, the CALL CAME, but it found her prepared we know and, relying on Divine love, the spirit of Jennie Lothrop Whedon went calmly through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

"When on my day of life the night is falling,
And in the winds from unsunned spaces blown
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown.

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its falls decay;
O Love Divine, O Helper ever present,
Be Thou my strength and stay.

Be near me when all else is from me drifting;
Earth, sky, home's picture, days of shade and shine,
And kindly faces to my own uplifting
The love which answers mine.

Suffice it if—my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace—
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting placé.

There, from music round about me stealing,
I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long.'

She was my friend. I loved her. This appreciation of the life and character of Jennie Lothrop Whedon, gained through more than a quarter of a century of uninterrupted friendship, is affectionately dedicated to her memory.



CHARLES A. CLARK
PAST COMMANDER G. A. R.

Tribute to Past Department Commander Charles A Clark

By Addie E. Unangst, Past Department President

Charles Amory Clark was born in Sangerville, Maine, January 26, 1841, and was the son of William and Elizabeth Clark, and a descendent of Hugh Clark, who settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1640. He was married December 10th, 1863, to Miss Helen C. Brockway. He received his education in the common schools of Sangerville, Foxcroft Academy, and by home study. He began teaching school in 1856, when fifteen years of age, "boarding around" until he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War.

Col. Clark was the first man to volunteer from his county, and was one of the very first to answer the call of President Lincoln for volunteer soldiers. He enlisted at Foxcroft, Maine, April 24th, 1861, in Company A, Sixth Maine Infantry. He successfully filled the office of Corporal, Sergeant, and Second Lieutenant in the Company in which he enlisted. He remained with his regiment until honorably discharged because of wounds, February 1st, 1864. He returned to the service in April of that year, having been commissioned by Abraham Lincoln as Captain and Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers. He was again compelled to resign on account of ill health and wounds. He participated in nearly forty battles between Washington and Richmond. He was in the battle of Cold Harbor with General Grant, where 10,000 men were lost before breakfast. He was with Baldy Smith in his successful charge on the works of Petersburg, and the engagements around that stronghold and Richmond. For bravery at Rappahannock Station, Colonel Clark was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel. This famous engagement followed the battle of Gettysburg, and the stirring events succeeding the battle of Mary's Heights. This encounter was one of the most deadly of the Civil War. Of the charge in which Colonel Clark achieved distinction, of the twenty-one officers engaged, sixteen were killed or wounded.

Being broken down in health and suffering from the wounds he had received, Colonel Clark resigned in the Fall of 1864 and returned to his old home in Maine, with a war record of which any man might have been justly proud. The Colonel then took up the study of law with A. W. Paine of Bangor, one of the foremost lawyers of the state.

As there were few railways when Colonel Clark left Maine to come west, he traveled either on horseback, or with livery teams, and in stage coaches. He was instrumental in getting the first railway through, acting as attorney for John L. Blair, when he built what is now the Illinois Central from Iowa Falls to Sioux City.

Colonel Clark came to Cedar Rapids in 1876 and remained there until his death, which occurred on December 22nd, 1913.

He was elected Commander of the Department of Iowa in Boone in 1906, the same year I was elected Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Always kind and courteous to me, his memory will ever be lovingly cherished. Colonel Clark was a soldier, a scholar, a man of culture. He was devoted to his friends, to his comrades, to the Woman's Relief Corps, and to the Grand Army of the Republic, that he loved and served so well.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him,

There will be one vacant chair.

We shall linger to caress him,

While we breathe our evening prayer.

Margaret Hinman: Sisters, for the long roll of honored, promoted workers I will not call you to your feet. The Department Secretary will read the names.

Department Secretary Alice Cooper read the Memorial Roll, as follows:

MEMORIAL ROLL.

Jennie Lathrop Whedon.....	Past Department President
Sarah Hannah Brown.....	Army Nurse
Corps	Corps
No.	No.
3—Newton:	24—East Des Moines:
Margaret Carnes	Ann Ricketts
Martha Smith	Hattie Monk
4—Wyoming:	26—Cedar Falls:
Mary A. Hanna	Eva Peck
6—Grinnell:	Mary Hemerling Weight
Harriet Snow	Fannie E. Aitken
Jean Noble	Sarah J. Harrington
9—Marshalltown:	Mary Philpot
E. Bunie	Sarah Townsend
Rose Liebig	27—Des Moines:
Julia Canfield	Rebecca Moss
Elizabeth Towner	Maggie Canine
10—Clinton:	Elizabeth Brewer
Mary Conrad	C. Acklin
11—Cedar Rapids:	Adelaide Liddle
Harriet Hemingway	28—Brooklyn:
Malinda Vedder	Rebecca McAninch
15—Waterloo:	30—Clarion:
Anna Lasure	Julia Fox
Eliza Jeremaison	33—Mt. Pleasant:
17—Chariton	Anna Rangborn
Mattie E. Hall	34—Davenport:
19—Eldora:	Sophia Osborn
Mary E. Haas	Katherine Eagel
20—Fort Dodge:	37—Dubuque:
Ellen Marsh	Kittie Shank
Mary A. Magennes	Addie Nitteraner
21—Fairfield:	Hattie F. Millard
Isabella G. Smith	Kittie Printy
	Jane Kendall

Corps	Corps
No.	No.
41—West Union:	82—Bedford:
Hannah Manning	Sarah McCoun
42—Victor:	Rachel Beck
Mary J. Howard	83—Waverly:
Anna McArthur	Sarah Sturdevant
45—Washington:	87—Sioux City:
Jennie Gardner:	Nancy Waddington
Miriam Jones:	Sarah J. Dott
46—Mt. Vernon:	Mrs. J. Reynolds
Sue Ballard	88—Welman:
48—Iowa Falls:	Fannie Oldaker
Ella H. Benshoof	89—Strawberry Point:
Mildred Haines	Mrs. A. D. S. Cooley
50—Scranton:	Alpha Moine
Phoebe Platt	98—Ames:
55—Rock Rapids:	Carrie Minert
Christine Appel	Ellen Cole
56—Denison:	99—Webster City:
Emma L. Hunt	Sarah Burgur
Ella Weeks	Vina Payne
Annette Wheeler	Rachel Iliff
58—Decorah:	103—Walker:
Ella Sayre	Mary Butterfield
61—Fredericksburg:	104—Corning:
Mary E. Van Auken	Mrs. S. S. Scott
Melissa Thomas	105—Sutherland:
62—Burlington:	Martha Ward
Lydia M. Peabody	Nancy A. Short
69—McGregor:	106—Central City:
Elizabeth Robinson	Sarah Moore
71—Clarinda:	Matie Finson
Mary A. Shumacher	108—Humboldt
Lorella Blair	Harriet Tellier
Emma Ritch	109—Williamsburg:
72—Mason City:	Lizzie Keegan
Susie Nelson	Mary Evans
Clara Burkhardt	Mary Schooley
Frances Gibson	113—Manson:
Arvilla Smith	Sarah Holdren
74—Clear Lake:	117—Winterset
Rachel Gilmore	Olivia Faurote
Ann Waskie	Mary Husted
Elizabeth Rich	Jennie Whedon
Lillian E. Crozier	Josephine Bowlsby
Emile Schmidt	121—Charles City:
Emma Leonard	Angie I. Dennis
Mary Phillips	Mary A. Brookins
78—Iowa Falls:	122—Muscatine:
Cora R. Fracker	Mary Whicher
Sarah Hatch	Ella Smith
Margaret Reese	123—Waukon
Ella Hughes	Esther Dowling
Sarah E. Sangster	

Corps No.	Corps No.
124—Anamosa: Caroline Brown Mary T. Ketcham Charlotte K. Stacy	202—Riverside: Emily A. Webster Bell Sims
129—Maynard: Delphine E. Baxter	205—Nodaway: Mrs. Mary Marsh
134—Ottumwa: Lauretta Joseph Carrie Smith	208—Algona: Angie Waterhouse
136—Lenox: Lettie Evans	212—Wilton Junction: Hudusa Perry
140—Greenfield: Rebecca Sinclair	216—Woodbine: Serrenia Tucker Flora Porter California Crane Sarah Clark
141—Creston: Henrietta Autenreith Sarah Godfrey	230—Missouri Valley: Mrs. Sarah Neufind
147—Nevada: Sarah A. Boyd	232—Lohrville: Sarah Arnott
148—Belmond: Elizabeth O'Bright Florin Pritchard	242—St. Charles: Cassie Burger
152—West Liberty: Emeline Smith Sarah Gibson	245—Akron: Jennie Waterbury Jennie Raish Emma Shaw
154—Indianola: Louisa Austin Sarah Gordon Frances Hunting	251—Jefferson: Viola Wilkinson Elizabeth Grace Mary Ann Johnson
163—Emmetsburg: Belinda A. Yockey Mrs. H. Hudson	253—Maquoketa: Arvila Hutchins Melissa Branscomb
166—Ireton: Maggie Montgomery	258—Edgewood: Sarah Richards Sarah Palmer
170—Knoxville: Jennie Powers Hannah Miers Martha Phinney Sarah Ball	264—Red Oak: Matilda Spicer Cora E. Mason Edna Cleaver I. C. Sanders
171—Marengo: Elizabeth Schonborn	277—Garden Grove: Mary Parrish Mattie Bartlett
180—Council Bluffs: Maria Williams Sarah A. Craig	279—Vinton: Dolly Aikley Hetty Hannah
181—Sheldon: Marietta Davis	281—Oelwein: Kate O'Brien Elizabeth Ayers Sarah Hannah Brown Allie Chase
190—Clarksville: Minnie Wood Sarah Russell	283—Logan: Lydia Cowan
192—Nashua: Mary E. Smith	
200—Lake City: Roxanna A. Smith	

Corps	Corps
No.	No.
287—Spencer:	329—Dayton:
Adah Stephenson	Fern Irvin
Amanda Bender	334—Hazleton
Lillian Watts	Mary Walker
295—Wall Lake and Lake View:	335—Toledo:
Elizabeth Scandrett	Mrs. C. Wilson
299—Dubuque:	336—Lamont:
Bessie Ryker	Mary Dozark
303—Sheffield:	337—Madrid:
Mrs. Frank Morris	Elizabeth Simons
307—Osage:	339—Moville:
Olive Willis	Mary Van Norman
312—Glenwood:	349—Marathon:
Maggie Trisler	Ella Crabb
321—Schaller:	353—Cherokee:
Jennie R. McConkey	Violet Snodgrass
325—Hawarden:	Emma Stiner
Edith Bennett	356—Marshalltown:
Ellen Abby	Hattie Powell
327—South Ottumwa:	
Flora Grider	
Iva Bradford	

Margaret Hinman: The hour is past, the record is made. To some of us who have listened to this roll we learn the first time the name that was dropped out of their work in the Woman's Relief Corps. There are 207 vacant chairs in the Relief Corps of Iowa, 207 homes have been bereft, and how many of us have a tender chord for those gone out. Who does not recall the tremulous voice of Commander Clark, that large hearted, good man.. Who cannot recall the face of Jennie Whedon—struck by a sudden blow into eternity. I had hardly gotten home last year before suddenly the word came, "Jennie Whedon's work is done." Where will the bolt fall this year? Sisters, I think when the time comes each year for the memorial service it should take precedence over any other work of the convention. I will call you to your feet while we pay a silent tribute to the dead; we will salute them in solemn silence for a few moments. (Convention stood with bowed heads.)

Prayer by Mary E. Snyder: Heavenly Father, may the Holy spirit soothe our sorrowing hearts, and we pray Thou'lt fill us with Thy hallowed presence as we come to Thee. Soothe us now. Our hearts are broken by the loss of loved ones, and as we close our eyes to the world and see them by faith in Thine own and better Kingdom, we pray for Thy comforting presence. We are weary today and sad on account of the absence of our Chaplain, who stands at the threshold of the Glory-land. We are bowed down in earnest prayer, our Father, that if it be Thy will, she may be restored to us. Hold back a little while as our prayer ascends to Thee, Father, and may the Holy fingers of love fill the alabaster box and carry it to her sick bed and bring her soothing and rest. Father, may the earnest wish of this convention be heard in her behalf. Our Father, as we stand in Thy

Holy presence, wilt Thou be with all the sisters assembled here this morning, and if one in the coming year shall be called into the better service and hear the voice saying, "It is enough, come up higher." Father, we pray she may not go down into the shadows without Thee, and may we all strike glad hands in Glory. Father, we thank Thee for memory. We believe it will live forever, else how would we know our Blessed Lord and Savior when we see Him.

Be with us Father today, and if we have done wrong to any one, forgive it; if we have proved unfaithful to Thee, oh Father, forgive it, and let those in Thine own presence this morning feel Thy comforting care. Bless those who remained at home and in the homes bereft breathe the balm of consolation. We ask Thee, Father, that Thou'l be with the comrades this afternoon in the parade. Many before the year is closed will have to pass over. Lord, remember all they have endured, and Father, may it count with Thee in the Eternal reckoning, and may their names be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Hear us, Father, as we pray that prayer Thou didst teach Thy Disciples in the days of old: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. And give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, amen.

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: I move we adjourn until after the parade, and the first order of business shall be the election of officers. Motion seconded by Fannie E. Warden, No. 62. Carried.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—JUNE 17th, 1914.

Convention was called to order by Department President Mattie E. Witter, No. 180, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., after the parade.

Past Department Chaplain, Margaret Hinman, No. 148, opened the session with prayer.

Margaret Hinman, Past Department Chaplain: Dear Father, we are glad we can come to Thee at morning, noon and night; Thou art ours just the same. Wilt Thou be with us this afternoon? Stay our hearts and hands and minds. May all we do be in accordance with fraternity, charity and loyalty, and by Thy dear presence guide us and direct us, and at last save us, we ask for Christ's sake, amen.

Convention sang the opening ode and repeated the flag salute.

PRESENTATION OF SONS OF VETERANS.

A delegation from the Sons of Veterans were reported in waiting and were escorted to the platform with the colors and introduced.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the pleasure of presenting Mr. J. S. Leash, Mr. Burbank and Mr. Kincaid, the committee, and Mr. E. E. Egan, Secretary of the Commercial Club. Convention, salute.

Mr. Burbank: Mrs. President and ladies of the Relief Corps, on behalf of the Iowa Division of Sons of Veterans, I bring you greetings and will now take the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Frank Kincaid, who will address you.

Mr. Frank Kincaid: Mrs. President and ladies of the Relief Corps of the Department of Iowa, on account of your presenting a beautiful Division flag yesterday to us, we beg for another opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation. You took us a little by surprise. Only four of the boys were in town at that time, but they were sober. Today we have thirty-five in attendance and they are all sober. (Applause.) I wish to present you these resolutions passed by our encampment:

To the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps: Your kind committee, in presenting to us the beautiful Division flag yesterday afternoon, most assuredly took us entirely unawares. Those officers and members whom you found at home, even though every one of them at times makes a good speech, were so surprised that they confess to having only barely mumbled a poor answer.

By unanimous vote, the Iowa Division, Sons of Veterans, wish to extend most sincere gratitude and thanks from every camp, every officer and every member, to you, our beloved sisters in patriotism, and to state that your action is but a repetition of your many kindnesses in the years that have passed, and that words are indeed futile in expressing our feelings in the matter. We can only again repeat our loving gratitude and remain ever submissive to your wishes and direction.

FRANK H. KINCAID,
WM. T. S. LASH,
JOHN C. NORRIS,
Committee.

We also, on behalf of Governor Clark and Staff, extended hearty greetings for the part assigned them in the reception given Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Burlington in honor of our National and Department Officers. Past Department President Frederica Philpot, No. 26, responded in behalf of the convention.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: Members of the convention, it is indeed pleasing to the Woman's Relief Corps to receive the Sons of Veterans. We feel more than ever the time must come when the Sons will have to assume the great responsibility of sharing with us the work of Memorial Day. The veterans are passing and another generation must take up the work they leave. We know the time is not far distant when there shall be plenty of work for you. We are pleased to receive you today and extend our thanks for your hearty greetings.

Mr. E. E. Egan: Mrs. President and ladies, it has been some toil and responsibility in entertaining so large a crowd as is in Burlington this week, but we have done the work gladly and I come before this body to express greetings to you and say we will be better citizens, better folks because of your coming.

I wanted to give you this little clipping—a letter from Abraham Lincoln to a lady in Boston, Mass., who had lost her sons in the war.

"Dear Madam: I have been informed by those of the War Department that you are the mother of five sons who gave their lives for their country. I feel how weak and futile must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray the

heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement that leaves only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and solemn pride to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Ladies, I thank you. (Applause.)

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: I feel unprepared to respond to this speech we have just listened to. I am very much interested in the Sons of Veterans. We have a camp in Muscatine, but the young Sons of Veterans seem to be too busy to attend to the offices and it has finally disbanded again. We had a camp of sixty members. I think I am going to start them up again. I think if Frank here comes to Muscatine he is going to help me and we are going to have a Sons of Veterans in Muscatine. We think you Sons will soon have to assist the Woman's Relief Corps in taking care of the old soldiers, and will keep patriotism alive in the states as well as in the United States.

The Sons were presented with convention badges and escorted from the room by Conductors and Color Bearers, convention singing "Battle Cry of Freedom" with heartiness.

Department Secretary Alice Cooper called the roll of Department Officers and the following responded: Department President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice-President, Fannie E. Ward n; Junior Vice-President, Mary A. Tuttle; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Secretary, Alice Cooper; Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott; Counselor, Sarah A. Fox; I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Editress and Press Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner; Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst; Chairman of Executive Board, Mary E. Snyder.

Convention Secretary, Marie L. Basham read the minutes of the morning session. Minutes were approved.

Department President: We are now ready to hear the report of the Credential Committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Sue Stanwood, No. 122: Mrs. President, I will read the report of the Credential Committee. The credentials filed were as follows:	
Department Officers.....	11
Past National Officers.....	2
Past Department Officers.....	16
Corps Delegates.....	96
Corps Presidents.....	35
Past Corps Presidents.....	85
<hr/> Total.....	245

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ALICE COOPER.

SUE STANWOOD.

JULIA I. JENNINGS.

LAURA BELLE WALKER.

IDA M. SMYTH.

Department President: The Districts will be counted by the chairman who will report the number in her delegation as her District is called. The Department President requested that all Past Department Officers be counted in their respective Districts.

Department Secretary called the roll of Districts, to which the response was as follows:

1st District.....	8	7th District.....	17	12th District.....	22
2nd District.....	9	8th District.....	21	14th District.....	7
3rd District.....	8	9th District.....	16	15th District.....	8
4th District.....	5	10th District.....	18	16th District.....	30
5th District.....	9	11th District.....	18	17th District.....	30
6th District.....	8	12th District.....	10		
		Total.....			245

Moved by Estella Plopper, No. 48, seconded by Mary Brown, No. 20, that the Credential Roll be opened and a late delegate admitted, making a total of 246 voting members.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Department President.

Georgia Wade McClellan: Mrs. President and members of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, it has been my pleasure to nominate many, and today I take great pleasure in presenting the name of a woman for the office of Department President who is faithful to the Order, who has executive ability and who has held many offices in both her home Corps and in the Department. She was Department Patriotic Instructor and this year is Inspector, and her work has always been entirely satisfactory; has been done in a prompt and efficient manner. I have watched this woman with interest. She is the daughter of a veteran. Her father served in the Ninth Iowa, and today two members of his company are in the encampment. But all this is not necessary. Last year she was nominated, but withdrew, and this year we hope you will elect her. If you do, she will fill the office with credit to the Department, with credit to herself and credit to the National. I nominate Carrie I. Netcott.

Nomination sustained by Addie E. Unangst, No. 34; the 9th District; the 4th District; Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56; Frederica Philpot, No. 26; 3rd District; 5th District; Marie L. Basham, No. 24; Margaret Sterling, No. 62; Flora E. Pond, No. 286; the 16th District; the 15th District; the 11th District; Lena T. Ring, No. 11; Mira L. Parker for 13th District; Della G. Miller, No. 58; Ella Thomas, No. 100; 1st District; Nora Bryson, No. 45; 17th District; Rachel Chamberlain, No. 167; Sue Stanwood, No. 122, for 10th District; Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83; Emma Gould, No. 356; Nettie Ward for 6th District; 2nd District; Mary Fisher, No. 20; 7th District; Anna M. Kistner, No. 15; Lulu Belle Esher, No. 153.

Department President: Are there other nominations?

Belle Julian, No. 15: Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, I place in nomination our Department Patriotic Instructor. Lu L. Schrack of Parkersburg.

Nomination of Lu L. Schrack was sustained by Kate Hanchett, No. 83.

Lu L. Schrack, No. 14: Ladies, I wish to withdraw my name from before this convention. I cannot run against my friend, but next year if you would like to bring my name up I will not withdraw. (Applause.)

Sadie Householder, No. 17: Ladies of the convention, I wish to place the name of a woman for your consideration; one who has been in the work for 24 years; one whom many of you know. She has



ADDIE E. UNANGST
CHIEF OF STAFF

served as President of her Corps three years in succession, and successfully. She has been Assistant Inspector eight years and is now in her fifth year as Treasurer of our Corps. Should you honor her with this office, I am sure you would not regret it. The name I wish to present is Ida M. Smyth of Chariton.

The nomination of Ida M. Smyth was sustained by Alice Becker, No. 17; Emma Larimer, No. 17.

Ida M. Smyth, No. 17: Ladies, I wish to withdraw my name as a candidate for Department President this year, though the ladies of my Corps think the honor should come to me at this time. I thank you. Nomination closed.

Eliza I. Moyer, No. 38: I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote of this convention for Carrie I. Netcott for Department President. Seconded by Lu L. Schrack, No. 14, and carried.

The Secretary cast the vote and Department President declared Carrie I. Netcott elected Department President for the ensuing year. Mrs. Netcott was escorted to the platform by Lu L. Schrack, No. 14.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, this is the dear woman you have elected to be your President. Convention, salute. (Applause.)

Carrie I. Netcott, No. 144: Mrs. President, officers and members of this convention, you cannot know how much I appreciate this unanimous election. My strength and efforts and talents will be for the Woman's Relief Corps for the ensuing year, and if you give me the support throughout the year that you have given me today, the year will be successful. Again I thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Netcott then asked that her mother might be presented. She was escorted to the platform and introduced by her daughter.

Mrs. Netcott: Ladies of the convention, this is my mother, Helen R. South, President of the Corps at Dubuque.

Department President: Convention, salute this mother and daughter. Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice-President.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: If there is one thing in this world that I like to do it is to put some one in nomination that I think you would all like to have fill the place. The one I wish to name is well known to you all. She is our Stenographer and has "stenoged" for the different Presidents here. She has told many stories and always truthful ones. They have been other people's stories for her stories ring true. We sent her once for Delegate at Large. The one I would name is before you; you can all see her. It is Sue Browning, our Convention Stenographer. (Applause.)

The nomination was sustained by Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56, who said she intended to make the nomination, and as Margaret had got ahead of her she would second. The 5th District; Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56; Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83; Elsie B. Wade, No. 245; the 8th District; the 10th District; Lu L. Schrack, No. 14; Ella Thomas, No. 100; the 17th District; Mary F. O'Brien, No. 144; the 9th District; the 5th District; the 15th District; the 7th District; the 2nd District; the 16th District; the 11th District; the 12th District; the 1st District; the 6th District. Nominations closed.

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. President, it gives me great pleasure, as there is only one candidate, to move that the Secretary

be instructed to cast the entire ballot of this convention for Sue Browning for Department Senior Vice-President. Motion seconded by Fannie E. Warcau, No. 62, and carried. The Secretary cast the ballot of 246 votes and Department President declared Sue Browning elected Senior Vice-President for the coming year.

Department President: Come Sue, we must introduce you to the convention. Ladies, she can do my work, but I cannot do hers. I take pleasure in presenting to you your choice for Senior Vice-President. Convention, salute.

Sue Browning, No. 122: Ladies, I thank you for this honor and pledge to you my best efforts during the year.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice-President.

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, I bring to you in nomination today the name of a woman who has been a loyal Corps worker for a good many years; whose home cares have prevented her from taking an active part in Department work. For the last year or two she has been able to come to convention, and the more we see of her the more we love her. We love her dearly. The woman is the wife of a soldier and in honoring her you honor her husband. Mrs. President, it gives me great pleasure to present the name of Mrs. Della L. Milliman.

The nomination was sustained by the 4th District; 5th District; Christine S. Romans, No. 56; Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56; Ida M. Smyth, No. 17; Lena T. Ring for the 11th District; Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11; Belle Senn, No. 20; the 7th District; Elizabeth Carter, No. 29; the 13th District; Laura Belle Walker, No. 11; the 15th District; the 8th District; the 6th District; the 12th District; the 1st District.

Lauretta Cowles, No. 134: Mrs. President, I want to place in nomination Louise Adler of No. 134. She has been a Claim Agent, and got pensions for widows for 23 years. She has been our Corps President for three years.

The nomination was sustained by the 16th District.

Louise Adler, No. 134: I want to thank my Corps for the honor they have done me. It is true I have been working for the old soldiers and their widows for twenty-five years in getting pensions. I love the Woman's Relief Corps, but my work takes my time, and I must withdraw my name for this time, and perhaps another time I will consider it. Nominations closed.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of this convention for Mrs. Milliman for Junior Vice-President for the ensuing year. Seconded by Naomi Bradley, No. 251, and carried. The Secretary cast the ballot and Department President declared Della Milliman elected Junior Vice-President for the coming year. (Applause.)

Department President: Ladies, this is your Junior Vice-President, the right arm of her husband, Comrade Milliman, who is one of those who shows evidence of the great sacrifice made in the war. She has taken great care of him. Convention, salute your Junior Vice-President. (Applause.)

Della Milliman, No. 283: I am so surprised I do not know what to say. I thank you very much.

Chairman of Telegrams and Greetings, Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56, announced that committee would like to send a telegram of greetings to Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp of Chariton, who was very ill. Motion made by Mary E. Snyder, No. 24, seconded by Louise Adler, No. 134, that greetings, flowers and badge be sent to Department Chaplain. Motion carried.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, we have a Past Department President who is not able to be with us on account of illness, and two who have had sorrow. Mrs. Hutchison and Mrs. Griffith each lost her husband, and Georgia Worker is ill. I move that the greetings of this convention be sent to them. Seconded by Elsie B. Wade, No. 245, and carried.

Motion by Georgia Wade McClellan that greetings be sent to the Departments of Oregon and Wisconsin, which are in convention at this time. Seconded by Sarah A. Fox, No. 122, and carried.

Motion by Sarah A. Fox, No. 122, and seconded by Mary F. O'Brien, No. 144, that we send a telegram to Mr. Nettcott, announcing the election of his wife as Department President. Motion carried.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Department Treasurer.

Mary E. Snyder, No. 24: Ladies of the convention, I desire to place in nomination a woman who has been before the last two conventions; one who is faithful, earnest, careful, and deserving. I think it is unnecessary to take one minute of the time of this convention to say more. I place in nomination, Cornelia T. Dodd, our present efficient Treasurer.

Miss Dodd's nomination was sustained by Jean D. Tompkins, No. 74; 3rd District.

Christine Snyder Romans: Ladies of the convention, I take great pleasure in bringing before this convention the name of one we love and ask for your ballots. She is in every way competent, I know, for I used to belong to her Corps. I wish to place in nomination, Mary W. Hazard of No. 24, Des Moines.

Nomination of Mary W. Hazard was sustained by Marie L. Basham, No. 24; Frederica Philpot, No. 26; Elouisa Byers, No. 28; the 4th District; Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56; Mira L. Parker, No. 27; Dawn Tullis, No. 27; 13th District; May E. Jones, Lena T. Ring, No. 11; Mary Rogers, No. 26; 15th District; Laura Belle Walker, No. 11; 11th District; Kate Hanchett, No. 83; Mary Fisher, No. 20; Anna Steigerwalt, No. 98.

Nominations were declared closed. Candidates escorted to platform and introduced to the convention.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Mrs. President, I have held in abeyance my annual motion. However, I still hold it in my grasp, and if I hear any cheering I will make the motion. I give you fair warning. Let us remember the one who loses and have only kindly thoughts for one another. I hold my motion in abeyance.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: I wish to answer Margaret Hinman that she must remember that we have delegates here that do not know what her motion is.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: I will tell them. When the result of the ballot is given, only one can be elected, and I always feel sorry

for the one who is defeated, and out of consideration for her, we should refrain from cheering the successful one. The victorious can afford to be magnanimous. Sisters, be true to the thoughts of fraternity, charity and loyalty. (Applause.)

Department President appointed the following ladies to act as tellers of the election: Hattie L. Gilbert, No. 208; Jean Powers, No. 356; Elsie B. Wade, No. 245; Mrs. Zenie Gifford, No. 27; Amy C. Capron, No. 24. Ballot was taken and tellers retired to count same, and convention proceeded with the work.

Chairman on Telegrams and Greetings, Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56, proceeded with the reading of the greetings from Mary M. North, National Press Correspondent; Captain Wallace Foster; Cora M. Davis of Oregon, Past National President, Department of Ohio; No. 180 Corps, Council Bluffs; the home Corps of Department President and Secretary, and nineteen others, no time to read. Motion made by Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56, seconded by Sarah A. Fox, No. 122, that the report of the committee be accepted, greetings be placed in the journal and committee be continued until all are answered. Motion carried.

Department President requested Mrs. Berry to call a meeting of the Resolutions Committee and consider the resolutions presented by Shelby Norman Corps, that it might have early action.

Estella E. Plopper reminded the delegates it was the custom to caucus to nominate district delegates to the National Convention.

PARTIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, I will read this resolution:

WHEREAS, It is a fact that the loyal women of the Civil War period proved their loyalty, manifested their courage, and endured hardships equally with their soldiers, and by their devotion demonstrated their willingness to serve without being sworn into their country's service.

Muscatine was the banner county in the proportion of enlisted men and their womankind was no less patriotic, and we deem it altogether befitting that we, upon whom their mantle has fallen, should interest ourselves and our associates in the matter of an appropriate memorial to these truly loyal women.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That Shelby Norman Woman's Relief Corps No. 122, Department of Iowa, petition Department Convention to ask the General Assembly of Iowa to appropriate a sum sufficient to erect such memorial to be a state institution, and pledge to them all assistance within its power for the accomplishment of this enterprise.

RESOLVED, That this memorial shall be a Civil War Museum erected at the capital city, to contain relics and mementos of the Civil War, as may be obtained, many of which are held at present time in the Post rooms of the Grand Army of the Republic, and which may be secured when the various Posts disband by reason of the veterans being mustered out.

RESOLVED, That this Civil War Museum shall afford a place for the collection and preservation of the records and literature of both the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, and shall be Department Headquarters of these two organizations.

RESOLVED, That the children of the public schools under the supervision of the Woman's Relief Corps shall be asked to contribute their sums, and thus have a part in this patriotic undertaking.

Thus we believe we will honor our loyal women of '61 to '65 and have an institution that will attract the people from our entire state and others, who will travel many miles to visit and study this illustrated lesson in patriotism. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L. Sue Browning, Sue Stanwood, Jane Barnard, Kate Parvin, Sarah A. Fox, Committee. Approved by Mary Millett, Corps President.

Jennie I. Berry, Chairman: The members of the Resolution Committee were reasonably familiar with the subject matter of this resolution; and with all due respect and affection for the members of Shelby Norman Woman's Relief Corps, we have thought best to disapprove. I have asked the members of this committee to speak to you and tell the convention their reasons for this action.

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: Mrs. President and members of the convention, this resolution is one that is very near to my heart, and for that reason I give it much thought. I have been in correspondence with the curator of the historical building at Des Moines and later paid a visit to the building. Mrs. Romans was with me. We were shown all around and found that one of the rooms was devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic for relics, and they are so anxious to get the relics from all over the state. Now, I am only talking for myself, and expect to hear from others on this subject. I think that while the historical building is preserving the relics, we do not need to go to any further trouble about having them taken care of. When it comes to headquarters, there is a special headquarters where the members of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps can meet, and as for headquarters for the Woman's Relief Corps at Des Moines, it does not seem to me hardly feasible. That would require the officers to live at Des Moines, or at least the Secretary and Treasurer, and therefore, it would almost force us to elect Des Moines women to these offices. I think this would not be right, and therefore do not approve of it. I think it was very kind of Shelby Norman Corps to think of a memorial to the loyal women of the Civil War, but we do not need the proposed building at this time. I think I have said all I want to on this subject, and we are to have the others speak on it.

The tellers were ready and their report was called for. Whole number of votes cast, 230. Necessary to choice, 116. Mary W. Hazard, No. 27, received 143. Cornelia T. Dodd, No. 208, received 87.

Department President: Ladies, you have elected Mary W. Hazard for Department Treasurer for the coming year.

Mrs. Hazard was escorted to the platform by Christine Snyder Romans.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the pleasure of presenting to you your Treasurer for the ensuing year, Mary W. Hazard. I declare her elected. Convention, salute.

Mary W. Hazard: Ladies, I thank you.

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: Ladies of the convention, the committee has very carefully considered this resolution, as has been stated, and doubtless many of you are familiar with the resolution so we can intelligently act upon it. I think all credit and honor should be given

to this Corps for their thought on this matter. It certainly is a beautiful idea and would be a grand thing if it could be carried out. Were not provisions now made for most of the things it includes, we might act on it differently. I do not think the General Assembly should be asked for an appropriation. That is one thing I know a little about—what it means to the General Assembly to be asked for an appropriation—my husband being a member of that representative body. I know something of the problems they have to meet, and if any committee has as grave problems as the appropriations committee, I do not know it. I remember their last session their budget was something like seven million dollars, and the things asked for were many. You know they have so many people to please, and have so many institutions, and so many things, it takes an enormous amount to keep them all up. Seven millions were asked for, and they had two and a half millions to distribute. What a task they had before them; and as I say, it is a beautiful thought, but I would not like to go on record as favoring it at this time. The resolution provides for headquarters for both organizations. The Grand Army of the Republic, as you doubtless know, already has headquarters. If our headquarters were established there it would only be an added expense upon our Order. As to the relics and mementos and records, such a place has been provided in the historical building. So I think it best for this convention to not go on record as favoring this resolution.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: I think it is beautiful of Shelby Norman Corps to propose this. I was heartily in favor of it until my visit to the historical building last Monday in company with Mrs. McClellan. It is certainly wonderful the provision that is made for the Grand Army of the Republic. They are so anxious to have anything pertaining to the war; relics of all kinds, or anything they can get. Ample space is given. They are so enthusiastic to have anything pertaining to the Woman's Relief Corps or the Grand Army of the Republic in that building. We saw Aunt Beckey's picture. They wish to get anything; letters written during the war, or anything that is a memento of the Civil War, and they will be preserved and placed on exhibition. It is wonderful, wonderful. They said if they could get the names of any one who had anything of the kind, they would dig them up. They are so anxious to get such things they are willing to pay the expense of sending them to Des Moines. As Mrs. Ring said, it would be such an added expense to the legislative body, and for that reason I am not in favor, personally, of the resolution.

Mary A. Tuttle, No. 140: Members of the convention, I had received a copy of these resolutions and had given considerable thought to them. I had thought it would be a beautiful thing to do, were it not for the provision already made, but at this time I feel like all the rest of the committee, that it would be an enormous expense.

Department President: What shall be done with the report of the committee. Motion by Mrs. Balcoff, No. 355, that the report of the committee be accepted. Seconded by Kate Hanchett, No. 83.

Amy C. Capron, No. 24: Mrs. President, I am from Des Moines, and we love to think "Des Moines does things." I am not in favor of this resolution.

Mrs. Heesch, No. 34: I was in favor of it, but if there is room in the historical building for everything, I think we do not need anything more.

Department President: Has not Shelby Norman something to say on this subject?

Sue Stanwood, No. 122: Mrs. President, we did have something to say. We are ready to present the matter as we see it. But since the committee has killed the resolution, we do not think it necessary to try to do anything further about it.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Your committee gives only the opinion of four women. If the resolution is killed it will be by the convention.

Mrs. Squaires, No. 261: Mrs. President, I was instructed by my Corps to be sure and vote for this resolution, but I think if they could have heard the talks by the committee they would be perfectly willing to have me vote against it.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: After we have heard the report of the committee, I for one from Shelby Norman Corps am willing to accept the decision of the committee.

Question was put and carried.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Department Chaplain.

Mira L. Parker, No. 27: Mrs. President, I have a name to present for the office of Department Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Sackett of No. 117, Winterset. Mrs. Sackett is an elderly woman, was an army nurse and the wife of a soldier. She is not present in this convention, but was present at the Department Convention at Muscatine three years ago. You will remember her as the lady who presented the badge to Jennie Whedon. She was a dear friend of Mrs. Whedon, and is well qualified for the position of Chaplain, and her friends believe that she will feel highly honored if she is elected to this position. I nominate Mrs. Emma Sackett of No. 117, Winterset.

Seconded by Irene Connoran, No. 117; Mrs. Chamberlain, No. 130.

Past Department President, Marie L. Basham, No. 24: Mrs. President, I have not made a nomination today and would like to make one now. I want to place in nomination a woman who has served us faithfully and well. This morning she told you she was up in the seventies. She has been or Department Chaplain and has served us in this way a great many times. It seems to me it would be a most gracious and lovely thing for us to do, to honor Margaret Hinman with the office of Department Chaplain. (Applause.)

The nomination of Margaret Hinman was sustained by Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56; Elsie B. Wade, No. 245; the 2nd District.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Many of the ladies in this convention who have got letters from me know that they are, most difficult sometimes to decipher, and I am afraid my hand trembles too much to make out reports. It is a sweet thing for the women to do, and I appreciate it, for there is no work in the Department of Iowa that I enjoy more than that of Chaplain, but I would like to have all the old ladies have this office. But if it comes to me from my sisters, I will not say no.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: I sustain the nomination of Margaret Hinman.

Nominations closed and tellers received the ballot and retired.

Mary Heesch, No. 34: Mrs. President, I learn there is a member here who helped to make flags that went to the front with the boys,

and who did a good deal of other work during the war. She was a minister's daughter and did things for the families whose husbands were in the war. Three of the flags she states are in the capitol in Des Moines, and one is in Maquoketa. I would like to have Mrs. Riggs presented to this convention.

She was escorted to the platform and introduced to the convention.

Department President: Now, I am sure we are all glad to know a lady who made flags for the soldiers. I present Mrs. Riggs of Maquoketa. Convention, salute Mrs. Riggs.

Mrs. Riggs, No. 253: Ladies, I passed through the war, and no one knows until they pass through what it is. I did not have any relatives in the army, but I was a thoughtless young girl of sixteen years. There were five companies raised around Maquoketa. We could not buy flags in those days as you can now. We had to get the material and sew the flags. I think I am the only one living who helped to make those flags. We made five. We had to sit up until 3:00 o'clock one morning to get one finished for the 24th Iowa when they went away to Dubuque. Three of the flags are in Des Moines and I know one is still in Maquoketa. I do not know what more I can say. I thank you. (Applause.)

Emma J. Gould, No. 356: Mrs. President, my husband was in the 24th Iowa and helped to carry that flag.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, that was my father's regiment. (Applause.)

Mrs. Boyer, No. 138: There were lots of soldiers from eastern Iowa went to the war; Maquoketa furnished a company, Tipton furnished a company, and other places sent companies.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: I hope the Resolutions Committee will speak out in no uncertain sound about adding the stars and bars to Old Glory. (Applause.) I do not believe that Iowa is quite in favor of that. I hope the Resolutions Committee will not forget it. (Applause.)

Anna E. Brown, No. 206: Mrs. President, I was in Chicago some time ago and they are taking up the matter there. The Department Commander of the State of Illinois has slips printed and sent out to the different Posts. I am so glad that has been brought up here. The Illinois Woman's Relief Corps sent a remonstrance against the change. It certainly is a desecration of the flag that the men fought to defend. (Applause.)

Report of Tellers. Whole number of votes cast, 164. Necessary to choice, \$3. Emma Sackett received 97 and Margaret Hinman received 67.

Department President: Emma Sackett having received a majority of all votes cast, I declare her duly elected Department Chaplain. The president of her corps will please carry the news to her that she has been elected for the year.

Maude Whedon Smith, No. 117: I want to thank the convention for honoring Mrs. Sackett. My mother loved and respected her, and I thank you for this tribute to my mother's friend.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order promptly at 9 o'clock by Department President and Past Department Chaplain Margaret F. Hinman led in prayer.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Our dear, kind, heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning to thank Thee for the blessing of sunshine that has come to us. We thank Thee for the health we have enjoyed during this convention. We thank Thee for the work that has been accomplished during the week and we thank Thee that no accident has come to our loved ones in our absence, nor to those here. Now we ask Thee, Father, that Thou wilt go with the comrades and let no accident come to them, that their lives may be precious in Thy sight and bless them. Be with us in our work here today, that all may be done according to Thy mind. And, Father, if anything has been done to cause heartache, we ask that Thou wilt forgive, and bless the work in which we are engaged. We know that sometimes in our zeal for the old soldiers and his dependent ones, we forget we are not strong enough and perhaps we do not see that it would be best for the work to be taken by someone else in the vigor of life and may we only remember the kindly spirit that makes for peace and harmony. Now go with us in the work today, and as we step out on the threshold of the new year and know not what is before us, we ask that we may be a blessing to the State of Iowa and the Woman's Relief Corps and ever be found taking the upward step for the old soldier and his dependent ones. And now we ask that we may repeat that beautiful prayer given to us by the master: Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

Color bearers took their places and convention repeated the flag salute and sang the opening ode.

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

The following responded: Department President, Mattie E. Witter; Department Senior Vice-President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junor Vice President, Mary A. Tuttle; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Secretary, Alice Cooper; I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst; Press Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner. Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: I have the very high privilege and pleasure of presenting these flowers to this convention. They were presented to the Past Department Presidents' Association by the daughters of the lamented and beloved Jennie Whedon, and we felt sure they would approve of our bringing them to this convention.

Department President: On behalf of the convention I do thank you and am sure we will all enjoy them.

A committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were announced in waiting and escorted to the platform with the colors and presented to the convention.

Department President: Ladies I have the pleasure of introducing to you this committee of Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Grace Seebers of Waterloo, and Mrs. Crouse of Decorah. Convention, salute.

Mrs. Seebers: Officers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps, I will take a very short time to speak to you. I know you are very busy the last day of your session. I feel it a great privilege to have

been chosen on the committee to bring greetings to your order. I have in my heart only love and a very dear feeling for these ladies sitting before me. Your Past President, Miss Hanchett served the same year I did and our associations were very pleasant. We thank you for the ladies of your order sent to visit us. We appreciate their visit. To be sure we are all in the same work of caring for the comrades, and you have your work and we have ours. Let us work in harmony and make the last days of the comrades happy and peaceful. You have done more than we. We want to do all we can. You have the mothers, wives and sisters, the same as we have. We want to do all we possibly can. The majority of the members feel the same. I bring you the greetings, sympathy and love. And we want to do all that we can in the work we are engaged in for the old comrades. If we knew each other better and understood each other better, I am sure we could always get along together. Ladies, I thank you.

Mrs. Crouse: Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, it gives me great pleasure to be one of this committee, as all over this audience I see some faces I have been associated with and it gives me pleasure to meet with you. We bring loving greetings and good wishes for you all, and may God bless you one and all. (Applause.)

Margaret Hinman, No. 148: Mrs. President, and ladies of the G.A.R. we do not allow your organization to be any more polite, any more kindly or courteous than we of the Woman's Relief Corps are to you. We thank your president for sending you to us to bear the greetings from your organization and we promise that when the work of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be past, when the last soldier shall have answered the roll call, our doors will stand open to you to come and join us in the Woman's Relief Corps. We wish that the work that comes to your hands may be done faithfully and well. There is room for all to work for the soldier and his dependent ones, and when our life work is done, may we hear the call of welcome and hear Him say: "She hath done what she could." (Applause.) We thank you. Department President presented them with badges and they retired under escort of Conductors and Color Bearers convention singing "Stars and Stripes, Forever."

Roll call of Districts by Department Secretary resulted as follows:

1st District	7	7th District	17	13th District	19
2nd District	6	8th District	16	14th District	7
3rd District	8	9th District	11	15th District	7
4th District	4	10th District	16	16th District	27
5th District	8	11th District	14	17th District	21
6th District	7	12th District	9		
Total.					204

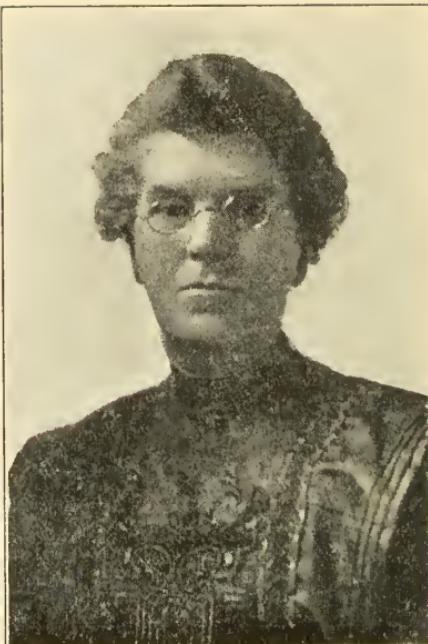
Comrades Houghland and McPherson were announced in waiting, escorted by Color Bearers and Conductors, and introduced to the convention and saluted.

Comrade Houghland: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Relief Corps, this is the first opportunity I have ever had to be in your meeting. We boys of the 19th Iowa that put through the years of service received the assistance of our mothers and sisters, and sweethearts, those of us who did not have wives. On our return the good work was taken up by your order.

I have a little message for you and I will ask after you have heard it that you will take such action upon it as you may think best.



ARBIE HANLEY
CHAIRMAN RELIEF COMMITTEE



EMMA S. BENNETT
RELIEF COMMITTEE



SYLVIA BARGER
RELIEF COMMITTEE

The same matter is presented to the Grand Army of the Republic for their consideration.

Eighteen years ago in the town of Morning Sun, Iowa, my dear comrade here was accosted by a man pretending to be an officer. He had his little son with him, the son 14 years of age. The pretended officer struck the little boy and the father resented and a fight resulted and my comrade killed the man. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, and he has been there eighteen years. His friends and comrades have been trying to secure his pardon, but we have been unable to do so. And so we have come before you to ask that you will help us get the governor to pardon him. The 300 survivors of the 19th Iowa are fighting for the release of our comrade. I hope you will act on these resolutions and let me know what your action is. Ladies, I thank you. (Applause.) I thank you for your entertainment. God Bless you, ladies.

Orman McPherson: Ladies, I do not know whether I can talk to you as I would like to because I have been confined for over seventeen years and three months in the Ft. Madison prison. I was born in Ohio and enlisted in the army and when the war was over I returned to Wapello, Iowa, just 15½ years old. I went in at the age of 13. The 20th day of April I was 64 years old. In this difficulty at Morning Star I was acting a father's part. My wife died and left me two babes, and I told her a few minutes before she died I would bring them up myself. My son lives in Chicago and has a dear wife and three as fine children as you ever saw. I am what they call a trusty at Ft. Madison. I came up here yesterday by myself to have a little visit with old comrades and when the reunion is over I will go back again. I hope you can help me. You can ask Mrs. Hinman, she has known me for a long time. Ladies, I thank you. (Applause.) Comrades escorted from the room.

Margaret Hinman, No. 148, Ladies, I have known this man, when I go to the prison on my flower mission work. He sits in his place at the morning service every Sunday and he is in Mrs. Saunderson's Bible class. Mrs. Saunders and Warden Saunders have only good words for him. I know what I tell you is true. My heart goes out in sympathy. I hope you will write to the Governor and ask for his pardon. Just think he has been in seventeen long years. He was a brave soldier and a good comrade. This matter was referred to the Resolutions Committee and the comrades retired under our flags.

A communication from Eva H. Head, No. 251, was read stating that she would, on her return home, present in the name of the Thirty-first Convention of the W. R. C., a gavel made of wood from Libby Prison, to be placed in the G. A. R. collection of relics at Des Moines.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for first member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Smith, No. 140: I wish to place in nomination a name that we can appreciate from our own home corps. She has served us as treasurer for twelve years. She has sent fifty reports to headquarters and never one returned for correction. I bring before you for first member of the Executive Board the name of Mary A. Tuttle.

The nomination was sustained by Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56; Rachel Chamberlain, No. 167; Elsie B. Wade, No. 245; Carrie M. Johnston, No. 15; District No. 3.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, I wish to place a name before this convention for chairman of the Executive Board; a woman who has been a good worker in her Corps and comes from a corps of workers that has not been recognized in this department for a long time. If you select her as chairman of the board, you will find the work well done for she is thoroughly competent to do it. I wish to place in nomination Anna E. Larkins, No. 78, Iowa City.

The nomination was sustained by Estelle E. Plopper, No. 48; Mary F. O'Brien, No. 144; Mary W. Hazard, No. 27; Sylvia Barger, No. 71; the 14th District; Mira L. Parker, No. 27; the 11th District; Laura Belle Walker, No. 11.

Lauretta Cowles, No. 134: I wish to place in nomination a lady you have all known for a long time, Mira O. McFarland of No. 17. You know her good work as treasurer of the department and she was corps treasurer for a number of years. I know her work will be satisfactory. I will place her in nomination for chairman of the Executive Board.

The nomination was sustained by Irene Bahme, No. 327; Sadie Householder, No. 17; Esther Walker, No. 222; Ella Coe, No. 221; Alice Becker, No. 17; Louise Adler, No. 17; Elizabeth Coyne, No. 113; Jennie Inskeep, No. 17; Lizzie Sturges, No. 87; Nina Larimer, No. 17.

Anna E. Larkins, No. 78: Mrs. President, I withdraw my name for this year in favor of the soldier's wife. I am only a daughter. I will come before you again. I thank you. The nominations were declared closed.

The candidates were escorted to the platform and introduced to the convention.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, it is unnecessary for me to say anything about these ladies. You know the work Mira O. McFarland has always done, and Mrs. Tuttle has been before the state this year and did splendid work. These are your candidates for Chairman of the Board.

The ballot was taken and the tellers retired to count.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS' REPORT.

Margaret Hinman, No. 18: To the officers and members of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, we have examined the report of the Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp, and find that she has performed the duties of the office, and many others. She is a very conscientious woman, and with failing health. We, your committee, beg to most heartily endorse her report. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L

MARGARET HINMAN, No. 148.
MARY W. HAZARD, No. 27.
IDA WORTMAN, No. 286.

Susan McGuire, No. 281: Mrs. President, I move the report of the committee be adopted. Seconded by Eliza Moyer, No. 38. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON I. AND I. OFFICER'S REPORT.

Abbie Hanley, No. 314: Mrs. President, I will read our report. Burlington, Iowa, June 17, 1914. We, your committee, have examined

the report of the Department I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade, and wish to submit the following report: We find the report showing excellent work done in the department this year and do most heartily recommend its adoption. Signed by the committee.

ABBIE HANLEY, No. 314.
LILLIAN MORGAN, No. 230.
SYLVIA BARGER, No. 71.

Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Lulu Belle Esher, No. 153 and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Kate Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, your committee on the Junior Vice President's report have carefully read the same, and fully appreciate her effort to assist the Department President, as well as serve our order, and we approve the report. Signed by the committee.

KATE HANCHETT, No. 83.
ELLA THOMAS, No. 100.
OLIVE NORTHRUP, No. 24.
DELLA MILLIMAN, No. 216.

Roberta Squaires, No. 261: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Rachel Chamberlain, No. 167 and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mira O. McFarland, No. 17: Mrs. President, I will read our report. Burlington, Iowa, June 17, 1914. Mattie E. Witter, Department President. Dear Madam: Your committee appointed to report on Treasurer's report will say, Auditing Committee has carefully checked the report, and balance in the various funds and find them to correspond and report them correct. Signed by the committee,

MIRA O. McFARLAND, No. 17.
LENA D. PETERS, No. 210.
RAY M. HANCHETT, No. 83.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83. Mrs. President, I am going to make a word of explanation on this report. I think it is due the treasurer. I want to say that a little mistake that is covered in the treasurer's report does not appear on the books, but was an error in preparing the copy for the printer. Her books are correct. This explanation is due Cornelia T. Dodd. (Applause.)

Department President: The correction has been made on the printed reports. The error does not appear on the books at all.

Mary Heesch, No. 34. Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report. Seconded by Gertrude Anderson, No. 126 and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62: Mrs. President I will read our report: Burlington, Iowa, June 17, 1914. Mrs. President: The members of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Auditing Com-

mittee have carefully examined the same. Fully realizing the importance of the duties of this committee, we feel that credit is due them for their efficient work, and recommend that this report be accepted. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

FANNIE E. WARDAN, No. 62.

ELLA M. THOMAS, No. 170.

HORTENSE McQUILLAN, No. 170.

LAURA N. KITCHEN, No. 33.

Emma J. Carson, No. 62: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Abbie Hanley, No. 314 and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

May E. Jones, No. 27: Mrs. President, and members of the Thirty-first Department Convention: We, your committee on the report of the Department Inspector have examined it thoroughly and find it excellent. We congratulate the Department Inspector on the excellent report and recommend its adoption. Signed by the committee.

MAY E. JONES, No. 27.

HELEN R. SOUTH, No. 37.

CARRIE IDEN, No. 202.

ANNA METZGAR, No. 244.

Lyda W. Nott, No. 126: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Sylvia Barger, No. 71, and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO BEAR GREETINGS TO SONS OF VETERANS.

Lena T. Ring, No. 71. Mrs. President, your committee appointed to bear greetings to the Sons of Veterans had difficulty in finding the place where they were holding their sessions. We tried our very best, and asked a couple of Burlington ladies, but they were unable to tell us. We heard they were at the Hotel Burlington so we went into a corner grocery and called up the hotel but they were not there. The grocer remembered reading in the morning paper that they were at the Delano Hotel so we called up there and found them. When we got there they had adjourned for the afternoon. So we did not get to see them in session. I am sorry to make such a report, but we did the very best we could.

Gertrude Anderson, No. 126: Mrs. President, I move we accept the report of the committee. Seconded by Kittie B. Gay, No. 34, and carried.

REPORT OF TELLERS.

Whole number of votes cast, 201. Mira O. McFarland received 126 and Mary A. Tuttle received 75.

Department President: Mira O. McFarland having received a majority of all votes cast I declare her elected First Member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. McFarland was escorted to the platform and presented.

Department President: Ladies, salute your First Member of the Executive Board, Mira O. McFarland.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF SOLDIER'S HOME BOARD

Ida Wortman, No. 286: Mrs. President, I will read the report. To the Officers and Member of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps: Your committee on Soldiers' Home Board have examined the report and heartily endorse the same. We find all departments have been visited by the Board and all possible being done by Commandant Horton and his official staff for all of its inmates. Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

NAOMI BRADLEY, No. 251.

IDA WORTMAN No. 286.

NETTIE L. WARD, No. 38.

Margaret Gantz, No. 21: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Ella Marshall, No. 87, and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Amy C. Capron, No. 24: Mrs. President, I will read our report: June 18, 1914. To the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps: The committee has examined the counselor's report and find that she has performed her duty faithfully and well. Yours in F. C. and L.,

AMY C. CAPRON, No. 24.

MARY A. BROWN, No. 4.

KATHERINE DREW, No. 3.

Dawn Tullis, No. 27: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Jennie Manbeck, No. 24, and carried.

Department President: Nomination are now in order for Second Member of the Executive Board.

Addie E. Unangst, No. 34: Mrs. President, I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Della Allender of No. 62, Burlington, Iowa, the chairman of the entertainment committee who has provided so lovely for our welfare, and I think she has also provided us with this lovely weather. (Applause.)

The nomination was sustained by Fannie E. Warden, No. 62; Sue Stanwood, No. 122; Nora Bryson, No. 45; 17th District; Lena T. Ring, No. 11; 10th District; Margaret Hinman, No. 148. Everybody stand to second the nomination. (The convention arose to its feet.) Thank you ladies. Nominations closed.

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: Mrs. President, I move the secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote of this convention for Della Allender for Second Member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Irene Bahme, No. 134 and carried.

The Department Secretary cast the vote and Department President declared her elected. Mrs. Allender was escorted to the platform by Addie E. Unangst, No. 34.

Department President: Ladies I have the great pleasure of presenting Della Allender, one of the working committee for this convention. Convention, please salute your incoming officer, the Second Member of the Executive Board.

Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62: Ladies, I want to thank this convention for the honor conferred on Number 62.

A delegation of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic were reported in waiting and escorted by Conductor and Color Bearers to the platform, convention singing "Marching Through Georgia," with enthusiasm.

Department President: Ladies of the convention, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you Comrade South, the father of our newly elected Department President; Past Department Commander Brown; Comrade Witter, my husband; (Applause); Major McElroy of the National Tribune; Gen. Byers, who has never been here before; Past Department Commander Evans. Convention, salute those honorable gentlemen and comrades.

Past Commander Brown: Mrs. President of the Relief Corps and Ladies of the Relief Corps, it is my pleasure to convey to you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to the ladies of the Relief Corps of the Department of Iowa. I think I know were it not for the Relief Corps of the Department of Iowa the Grand Army of the Republic could not exist. We feel grateful in our hearts at every meeting for the glorious and magnificent treatment that we receive from the hands of the Relief Corps from every source in Iowa. We have with us Comrade Evans, Past Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic who now lives in Keokuk. He mustered me in two years ago. I want to present to you Comrade Evans.

Past Department Commander Evans: Mrs. President and ladies, I did muster the comrade two years ago and have not been sorry that I did it. I must confess to a little disappointment yesterday when they made up this committee to visit the Relief Corps. Coming to the encampment and to the Relief Corps is my annual outing. I look forward with pleasure to the trip. I take it the same as others do their annual outing to some pleasure resort. One of the greatest pleasures of the encampment to me is a visit to the convention of the Relief Corps. I have not been to your convention for two or three years so I had my disappointment when the committee was named and I was left out. But you see, Mrs. President, I am here. This morning I asked Capt. Brown if he had his committee all filled and he said I do not think so. I would like you to fill one place. Now, ladies, I am not going to take up your time because your committee who visited me a few minutes ago told us how much business you still have to do. I will just simply say I am delighted to come and will stop without saying more at all. (Applause.)

Major McElroy: Mrs. President and ladies, I am truly pleased to come here and meet you and see your splendid representation of the grandest organization of women ever formed. (Applause.) I do not think that any body of the Grand Army of the Republic is more familiar with your noble work than I am. I have been watching your good work for nearly forty years, and upon the kindly influences of the Woman's Relief Corps the existence of the Grand Army of the Republic depends, not only in Iowa, but of the whole United States.

Someone has said we men are always dominated by a woman. First it is our mother or sister then sweetheart and wife and lastly our daughter. I confess subjection to the thumb of my daughter.

It is gratifying to me to meet you splendid, loyal women of the Department of Iowa. I want to tell you something about what we are

doing to help you. I will talk to you about removing the limitation of time for widows. It is to my mind a reflection on the patriotism of those who have the matters of government in hand to put a limitation on the time a woman must be married to a soldier. You remember if a woman was married prior to June 27, 1890 and her husband dies, she is eligible to a pension. If she was married since that time she is ineligible to a pension. A bill is now pending, which if passed, will do away with this limitation. It may not be passed during this session, but I think it will go through another congress. It is probable that the next congress will be of a different political persuasion and we feel sure more favor will be given to pension legislation. I will not take up your valuable time. I will simply reiterate my pleasure in being here and looking into the faces of such a splendid body of women. I thank you. (Applause.)

Gen. Byers: Mrs. President and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, this is the first time that I have been actually appointed on the committee to visit you. I have gotten in a number of times, like the others. I want to say it is a pleasure to come in and look into the faces of the Woman's Relief Corps. I do not know that I have ever seen anything more beautiful than your reception at the Burlington Hotel—it was the most beautiful thing I ever saw. I was much pleased at the report that your committee brought to our department. It shows that you are earnest and busy in the work for the old soldiers. You are far ahead of the Grand Army of the Republic; ahead of us so far as membership is concerned; your conventions are excellent. I am glad to see you all—I can almost call you all by name, I have been in so many encampments. I thank you. (Applause.)

Comrade D. R. Witter: (Applause) Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. I am not physically able to be here. I have been sick all forenoon and could scarcely get up here, but I am glad to be here and meet you in this historic city of Burlington, the county seat of Des Moines County; the capital of the territory of Iowa and later the state of Iowa. As a "bare-foot boy with cheeks of tan" I first saw Iowa from across the river—from across the great Mississippi, and there was no bridge across the waters then. Yesterday I went down to see if I could find any old landmarks. I found a rock—sort of a Plymouth Rock where the pioneers first landed. I was going to tell you more about it but I am not strong enough and will have to cut it out.

When my wife was elected president of this splendid organization some came to me after the election and offered their sympathy, and their pity. From what I hear I think she has made good and I am glad to hear it. But I think the sympathy and pity should go to the other side—to the one who has to do all the work and not to the one who is only a looker-on. So I want to say hereafter when someone is elected president of the Relief Corps, if she has a husband, do not offer sympathy and pity to him, but to the other party where it belongs. I want to thank all the officers and ladies of the department for all they have done for my wife. I think I stated a year ago that she would do all that is possible, and I hear remarks that she made good. I am glad to hear it. But I do not want to be like the speaker at the enthusiastic temperance meeting in our town. On the platform was an old deacon who would interrupt the speaker by saying "Thank Heaven for that." The speaker arose and said my

heart is in the work, and the deacon's "Thank Heaven for that" came in all right. As it did also when the speaker said, "This town will be benefitted by this movement." But afterward he said, "I cannot be with you this evening to speak to you as I have another engagement." "Thank Heaven for that," said the deacon. Ladies, I thank you. (Applause.)

President elect Carrie I. Netcott and her mother Helen R. South of No. 37 were escorted to the platform and with Comrade South, were presented to the convention.

Department President: Convention, I would like you to salute the South family. (Applause.)

Helen R. South, No. 37: I would like to say, ladies, that I thank you for the honor you have conferred on my daughter. I feel it is an honor to stand with my daughter as president of this great convention. (Applause.)

Comrade South: I would like to say, ladies, I am not much of a speaker, but I thank you. We have tried to raise our girl right and I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon her. I never do much talking. My wife does the talking at home. (Laughter and applause.)

Estelle E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. President and comrades of the official committee from the Grand Army of the Republic we as a department are most glad to receive this distinguished committee, and ladies, seldom have we had a committee with such distinguished personnel. The chairman is Past Commander Brown of whom his commander said during the war that if he had a special duty he would send Brown. We have Past Commander Evans, one of the older commanders—Georgia Wade McClellan's commander, who worked with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps in those days. But we feel that these comrades who have stood by us so many years and helped create the feeling existing between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps should receive a great deal of credit and I am sure a great deal of credit is due Commander Evans. We have with us too, a visitor, Major McElroy, editor of the National Tribune, and as you all know, a more than loyal friend to the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause.) He has been helpful to us in his paper, who first looked after our interest as well as that of the Grand Army of the Republic. And, Comrade McElroy, the Woman's Relief Corps is most glad to have you with us today. And we are glad and proud to have with us the father of the newly elected president and we are glad to see the South family. And we are most glad to have Comrade Witter with us today (applause). We all love the husband of our dear Department President. I do not know that you ladies heard what he said and some of it I want to say aloud. He said when Mattie went into office she promised she would do as well as she could, and he heard it remarked she had made good. (Applause.) Why it has become a public scandal it is so well known that she has made good. (Laughter.) Now, we love General Byers and feel sure his commander made no mistake in putting him on this committee. He is one of our staunch friends and we are always glad to have him visit us. Now we are going to have Mrs. Romans say a word. She always says something to please. I have the pleasure of presenting Past Department President Christine Snyder Romans.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: Mrs. President, I lost my book and you know I cannot say anything without the book to go by. Mrs. President, it is certainly a great honor to me to speak to these honored visitors and I am sure I voice the sentiments of this splendid assembly of representative women of Iowa when I say we are happy to receive this committee of the Grand Army of the Republic. I know all about the days of the war but I must be careful or you will know how old I am. They might say: "Mrs. Romans, she was in the Civil war," and that would give it all away. I was about 11 years old when the boys went away. I well remember the morning when I ran along the railroad track when the Company left. Many wives saw their husbands go away and never come back. I remember how the women worked to pack boxes to send to the boys. The small girls had their part; we had to scrape lint. Mrs. President, I have shed many scalding tears over the war, scraping lint and horseradish. Mrs. President, I have lost my book and cannot say much. I am so glad, I am always glad to meet the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure we are especially glad this morning to have Comrade McElroy with us. Many of us feel well acquainted with him through the National Tribune. After this he will seem like an old friend. I am sure we are more than glad to see all of them and so I echo what sister Stella has said of every one, and especially Commander Brown and the Family from the South or rather the South family; we are glad to honor them. What can I say of the husband of our president? I think he is the head of the family yet. I believe he realizes it. (Laughter and applause.) Well, sisters, he is our loyal friend. He is all right. And General Byers, we know he is our good friend. And Comrade Evans, we thank them all for coming and for their kind words and greetings. (Applause.) The comrades were presented with badges and escorted from the room with colors, convention standing and singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and giving the Chautauqua salute.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF DELEGATE AT LARGE.

Mary E. Snyder, No. 24: Mrs. President, having examined the report of Flora E. Pond, Delegate at Large, and appreciating its thoroughness, we recommend its adoption. Signed by the committee.

MARY E. SNYDER, No. 24.

ZENA GIFFORD, No. 27.

ADDIE E. UNANGST, No. 34.

May E. Jones, No. 27: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Rachel Chamberlain, No. 167 and carried.

Department President: Ladies if I have seemed absent-minded this morning, I hope you will pardon me; I have been so worried about Mr. Witter. He is subject to heart trouble and has been quite bad all morning. I begged him not to leave his room, but he wanted to come to my convention. I cannot help feeling so anxious about him all the time, and it does not help me very much, seeing how he looks. He wanted to come and thank you for what you have done for me.

Nomination are now in order for Third Member of the Executive Board.

Elsie B. Wade, No. 245: Mrs. President, I nominate Lizzie Sturges of No. 87, Sioux City, for Third Member of the Executive Board.

The nomination was sustained by Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56; Ida Wortman, No. 286; Lulu Bella Esher, No. 153; Mira O. McFarland, No. 17; Mrs. Marshall, No. 87; Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56; the Fifth District; the Sixth District; the Seventh District; the Eighth District.

Mrs. Riggs, No. 253: We have one of the best corps in the state and one of the most progressive. Ask Mrs. Unangst; she knows all about it. I want to nominate our president, Mrs. Minnie Miller of No. 253.

The nomination was sustained by S. Alice Wilcoxon, No. 130. Mrs. Miller declined the nomination.

Gertrude Anderson, No. 126: Mrs. President, as there is but one candidate, I move the secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the entire convention for Lizzie Sturges for Third Member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Belle C. Senn of No. 20, and carried.

The Department Secretary cast the vote and the Department President declared Lizzie Sturges elected Third Member of the Executive Board. Mrs. Sturges was presented to the Convention and saluted and she thanked the ladies for the honor they had conferred on her.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, I move we adjourn to 1:00 o'clock this afternoon. Seconded by Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62. and carried.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order by the Department President and the Lord's Prayer was led by Georgia Wade McClellan. The opening ode was sung and the flag salute given.

The following answered to roll call of Department Officers: Department President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junior Vice President, Mary A. Tuttle; Treasurer, Cornelius T. Dodd; Secretary, Alice Cooper; I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade. The Convention Secretary, Marie L. Basham, No. 24, read the minutes of the morning session which were approved.

The Department Secretary called the roll of districts and the following reported present:

1st District.....	7	7th District.....	16	13th District.....	15
2nd District.....	2	8th District.....	10	14th District.....	7
3rd District.....	1	9th District.....	10	15th District.....	3
4th District.....	4	10th District.....	6	16th District.....	7
5th District.....	7	11th District.....	8	17th District.....	11
6th District.....	6	12th District.....	7		
Total.					127

Department President: Nominations are now in order for the Fourth Member of the Executive Board.

Sylvia Barger, No. 71: Mrs. President, I nominate Abbie Hanley of No. 314 for Fourth Member of the Executive Board.

The nomination was sustained by Lillian Morgan, No. 230; Anna Steigerwalt, No. 98, Ames, was nominated for Fourth Member of the

Executive Board by Clara A. Carpenter, No. 48, and the nomination was sustained by Maude Hill, No. 18. Nominations closed.

The Second District reported two more voters. Mrs. Nora Lusk of No. 283 was appointed to take the place of an absent teller. The vote was taken and the tellers retired to count the ballot.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Eliza Moyer, No. 38: Mrs. President, officers and members of the Thirty-first annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Iowa: We have examined the report of the Senior Vice President and find that she has performed her duties in a very acceptable manner and recommend the adoption of the same Signed by the committee.

ELIZA I. MOYER, No. 38.

ANNIE E. BROWN, No. 206.

L. GERTRUDE ANDERSON, No. 126.

Lizzie Crane, No. 250: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Amelia Neider, No. 220, and carried.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56, made further report on the telegrams and courtesies. She read the communications from Past Department President, Georgia B. Worker, No. 34, Della Weeks Moors, Washington, and L. T. Lincoln of the Grand Army Advocate.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF.

Belle C. Senn, No. 20: To the officers and members of this Thirty-first annual convention assembled, we as a committee submit the following report: Your committee have carefully perused the Senior Aide's report and find that she has performed her official duty well. She presents Resolution No. 1 for consideration. We accept the report as a whole and heartily recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 1. Yours in F. C. and L.,

BELLE C. SENN, No. 20.

ANNIE E. BROWN, No. 206.

KATHERINE SIMMONS, No. 325.

ELIZA MUNION, No. 15.

Susan McGuire, No. 281: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Anna Crocker, No. 180, and carried.

Tellers reported: Whole number of votes cast, 125; Anna Steigerwalt received 63; Abbie Hanley received 62.

Mrs. Steigerwalt was escorted to the platform and presented as the Fourth Member of the Executive Board.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Fifth Member of the Executive Board.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: Mrs. President, I move that Abbie Hanley be declared elected Fifth Member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Mira O. McFarland. Motion declared out of order.

Elizabeth Harris, No. 29: Mrs. President, I nominate Elizabeth Carter, No. 9, for Fifth Member of the Executive Board. The nomina-

tion was sustained by Frederica Philpot, No. 26; Mary F. O'Brien, No. 144; Addie E. Unangst, No. 34; Ellen Burgin, No. 252; Susan McQuire, No. 281, Ninth District and Seventh District.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: I nominate Abbie Hanley for Fifth Member.

Abbie Hanley, 314: I withdraw my nomination. I am a soldier's wife and sewed on seventeen flags and did a whole lot of work, but that has nothing to do with the work just now. I thank the ladies.

Nominations were closed.

Abbie Hanley, No. 314: Mrs. President, I move that the secretary cast the vote of this convention for Elizabeth Carter for Fifth Member of the Executive Board. Seconded by May E. Jones, No. 27. and carried. Secretary cast the vote and Department President declared Elizabeth Carter elected. Mrs. Carter was escorted to the platform and presented to the convention and saluted.

Elizabeth Carter, No. 29: Ladies, I thank you and will do my best for the interest of the Relief Corps.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Delegate at Large.

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: Mrs. President and members of the convention, I have a candidate for Delegate at Large; she is a woman well worthy, who understands the work, who will make a good report and will always be in her place in the convention, and will be a credit to herself, and to the women who elect her. She has filled several department offices and loves the flag; why, she is looney on the flag (laughter and applause). I think you know who she is. I nominate Belle C. Senn of Ft. Dodge.

The nomination was sustained by Estella E. Plopper, No. 48; Eliza Moyer, No. 38; Sarah Fox, No. 122; the Tenth District; the Seventh District; the Seventeenth District; the Twelfth District; the Sixth District; the Ninth District; Flora E. Pond, No. 286; the fifth District; Ida M. Smyth, No. 17; the Thirteenth District; Kate Hanchett, No. 83; the Eleventh District; the Eighth District; the Fourteenth District. Nominations closed.

Roberta Squaires, No. 261: Mrs. President, I move the secretary be instructed to cast the vote of this convention for Belle C. Senn for Delegate at Large. Seconded by Estella E. Plopper, No. 48 and carried. The Department Secretary cast the ballot and the Department President declared Belle C. Senn elected Delegate at Large. Mrs. Senn was escorted to the platform and presented and saluted.

Belle C. Senn, No. 20: Well, girls, I do not know how I look, but Georgia Wade hope will prove true. I have always endeavored to do my duty and I shall try to do this acceptably. I thank you.

Department President: Nominations are now in order for Alternate at Large.

Sylvia A. Barber, No. 15: Mrs. President, I nominate Abbie Hanley for Alternate at Large.

The nomination was sustained by Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83; Frederica Philpot, No. 26, and convention rising. Nominations closed.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: Mrs. President, I move the Secretary be

instructed to cast the vote for Abbie Hanley. Seconded by Emma J. Gould, No. 356 and carried. The Department Secretary cast the ballot and the Department President declared Abbie Hanley elected Alternate at Large. Mrs. Hanley was presented to the convention and saluted and thanked the ladies.

A delegation of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic was reported in waiting and escorted to the platform with honors amid cheers and music.

Department President: Ladies, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you Past Department Commander Willetts, Captain Abraham, our new Department Commander B. C. Ward. Convention salute these comrades.

Past Department Commander Lot Abraham: Mrs. President and ladies of the Relief Corps. It is to me a great pleasure to be here, but I am no speaker. I did not come to make a speech. I am real glad to be here and meet with you. I was not going away from this encampment without coming here to see and greet you. The Woman's Relief Corps comes very near to my heart. When I look back to those dark days of the war when the mothers and wives and sisters held us up so to speak and pushed us forward so that we accomplished what we did. Some of us had the privilege of coming back. Some were left down South. Some sleep in unknown graves. It comes to my heart how hard it was to go away—to go to the war. I was thoughtful of my mother who had been a widow many years. I will not try to tell you about my mother; it always fills me up so I cannot talk. I will give you a little poem that I much admire. It divides you into three classes, the maid, the wife and the mother:

THE BRAVE AT HOME.

The maid who binds her warrior's sash
With smile that well her pain dissembles,
The while beneath her drooping lash
One stary tear-drop hangs and trembles,
Though Heaven alone records the tear,
And fame shall never know her story,
Her heart has shed a drop as dear
As e'er bedewed the field of glory!

The wife who girds her husband's sword,
'Mid little ones, who weep or wonder,
And bravely speaks the cheering word,
What though her heart be rent asunder,
Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear
The bolts of death that round him rattle,
Hath shed as sacred blood as e'er
Was poured upon the field of battle!

The mother who conceals her grief
While to her breast her son she presses,
Then breathes a few brave words and brief,
Kissing the patriot brow she presses,
With no one but her secret God
To know the pain that weighs upon her,
Sheds holy blood as e'er the sod

Received on Freedom's field of honor!

—Thomas Buchanan Reed.

Past Department Commander Willetts: Mrs. President and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, it gives me great pleasure to look into your smiling faces. This convention has been most fortunate in that the hot weather has not been upon us until near the close of the several encampments. Surely, we have been favored in the extreme with the most favorable weather we could have anticipated. I am told by the sisters of the Relief Corps, and by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and by other sisters and by the citizens of this beautiful Orchard City, and by the comrades and visitors from other localities, that this is the best provincial state encampment that it has been their fortune to visit. (Applause.) Surely it has been an amazing exhibition after a lapse of fifty years to see the old boys in the march yesterday—the alacrity and activity displayed by some of them, that it is a marvel of the present day and age that they could endure such a march and could appear so young. In fact they are young in heart and spirit. Now, there is a reason for all this. In the first place it is as a rule the best preserved representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic that you see at these gatherings. In the second place—and it is perhaps the most vital of all—it is because you girls have taken good care of us. (Applause.) It is because you are interested in us that I believe that we feel and act as though we are only boys grown older, that the old boys are in attendance of the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. Were it not for the presence of your ladies, the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic would descend to merely gatherings around in the hotel lobby, engaged in smoking and swapping yarns. But thank God we have the Woman's Relief Corps back of us and at our sides, with helping hands and smiling faces and sisterly cheer and evidences of good will that would make the stoutest heart feel that he was but a pigmy in your presence under ordinary circumstances, and in a gathering like this that he is but clay in the hands of a potter.

We are glad that we have such an organization. It has been a moral support to me in all of my administration that I will never forget. True I have not annoyed or bothered the officers of this society very much, but I have held encampments by the score and have visited various parts of the state of Iowa in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and every time the women of the Relief Corps have come to the front and done very much, and through their help and their earnest work and their hearty welcome, every seance has been made a success. (Applause.) I speak thus without fear of successful contradiction; it is an axiomatic truth and does not admit of argument that if there is a flourishing Relief Corps and there are old boys enough in the neighborhood to make a Post, that you will find a live Post. It is according to the character of the Relief Corps. (Applause.) And if the Relief Corps is dying of dry rot, then the Post is dead already. This is a homely expression, but its verity does not admit of argument.

I can say to my successor that he will at all times find it just as I have; that so sure as he goes and finds a live Relief Corps and there are old boys enough to make a Post, he will find a live one. This being the case, of course we feel very grateful because you are only girls grown older as we are only boys grown older. We comrades come because we like to look into your intelligent, welcome faces and recognize sisters, not only in name, but in fact, in an organization of a great society and noble order.

Now I could talk to you longer. I do not know what press of business you have. We are not the regular committee. We are a self-appointed committee to wait upon you to extend to you our individual greeting, and wanted the privilege to look you in the face and thank you for the cordial co-operation of the past year. You will remember that I have been conducting the encampment and have been busy. Comrade Ward, the in-coming Commander will want to talk to you. Now, as is customary for the old to introduce the new, I take the pleasure of introducing to you, Comrade B. C. Ward, who is the present Commander of the Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

Commander Ward: Mrs. President and dear sisters of the Relief corps, as Past Department Commander Willets just told you, we are not the regular committee from the Grand Army of the Republic, but we have come here this afternoon as individuals, to give you our hearty personal greetings. As members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we thank you for the noble work that you are doing and we are proud of you as our sisters and we are only too glad that you sustain that very near relationship with us, being auxiliary by order of the national department; auxiliary to our organization. (Applause.) We remember there are many lines of your work; first of all looking after the dear old comrades, as their faces are turned toward the setting sun. These comrades can already hear the heavy tramp of the years as they come sliding down the slope of time. It is our endeavor to make their last days their best. You are giving them your hearty support and co-operation and good cheer. I want to remind you ladies of this one thing: In your garden are many roses, and some are white and some are red. These comrades all like roses, but we want them now, not when we are dead. Don't wait to show affection till the turf is piled above my head. In your garden are many roses, but we want them now, not when we are dead. I have left a written order and placed it where it will be obeyed that when I lay aside this old used up and worn out form and passed to that shadowland so beautiful, beyond the tideless sea, that notice shall be served through the press to my friends to send no flowers. Rather I want roses now, whose beauty and fragrance can give me pleasure in this life, than to have my casket covered with flowers that will soon wither and die.

As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, we assure you we realize how much you are doing in that very important avenue of work in the line of teaching patriotism to the young. It is a splendid work—seeing that the flag floats from every school house, of giving beautiful flags to churches and Sunday schools. Ladies you do not realize what an impression that makes upon an audience when you make such presentations, and you cannot realize the good that will come of it; the influence upon the lives of the youth. We often speak about the heroism of the men upon the battle field; but whatever our depth of heroism, it does not exceed that of the woman.

The wife who girds her husband's sword,
'Mid little ones, who weep or wonder,
And bravely speaks the cheering word,
What though her heart be rent assunder,
Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear
The bolts of death that round him rattle,
Hath shed as sacred blood as e'er
Was poured upon the field of battle.

On one of the steamers going to Vicksburg laden with soldiers, and with supplies, and with women, during the siege of that city, one woman who had been an army nurse was broken down physically. Her friends said, what if you had died? She answered, thousands of men have died and one woman ought to be willing to die to help the soldiers. That was a beautiful expression, a beautiful exhibition of patriotism. We had so much of it all through the war. I am sure that spirit had a benificent influence. I am sure the women of this splendid organization have been the recipients of that beautiful spirit of those early loyal women of the civil war.

Now, ladies, I know you have business on hand. We called to look you in the faces and bring you greetings. During the coming year, wherever I go I will be sure to find a live Relief Corps. I thank you. (Applause.)

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: It is inspiring to the Woman's Relief Corps in convention assembled to have you come into our convention and pledge your allegiance as you have done to us. We were favored when in 1883 we were made auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. As I look into your faces today, it grieves me to go back to the 60's when you were boys in blue. You are men in blue today. As I think of you in those days as boys, I remember that then I was a girl. Today I rank with you in age. It is always a pleasure to me to meet with the Grand Army of the Republic. There is no order dearer to my heart than the Grand Army of the Republic. I lament greatly that the Sons of Veterans are not more thriving as an order than they are. As I greet you today in the name of the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps, it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life and I assure you that you are always welcome to the Department Conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause.)

Department President: We elected our officers today and Mr. Department Commander I want to present to you our new Department President, Carrie I. Netcott. (Applause.)

Carrie I. Netcott No. 144: Commander, I am glad of this opportunity in the presence of this convention to pledge to you my allegiance and the loyal support of the more than 12,000 women of the Department

Lu L. Schrack, No. 14: Mr. Department Commander, in the name of an old friend I present to you these roses. I bring them from Kate Hanchett; we all want you to have roses before you are dead. (Laughter and applause.)

Department Commander B. C. Ward: Ladies, I thank you for the roses. I shall enjoy them. (Laughter and applause.)

I want to say to you Mrs. President-elect, that I am very proud to have as my co-worker in the Woman's Relief Corps the daughter of an old comrade of mine—a boy who served with me through the war. I just wanted to say that when I was taken by surprise with the roses. (Laughter and applause.)

Dawn B. Tullis, No. 27: Mrs. President, I have asked for just a moment; I do not think it was announced that our new Commander is from Crocker Post of Des Moines. I have the honor of being the president of Crocker Corps at this time and the ladies thought that our comrade should have some roses. Mr. Commander, I present you these roses in the name of Crocker Corps. You may

divide them with the other comrades if you have too many. (Laughter and applause.)

Department Commander: Please accept my thanks. (Laughter and applause.) The comrades were escorted from the room the convention standing and singing, "Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgot."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

Ida M. Smyth, No. 17: Mrs. President, we your committee on the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor have examined it and find it excellent. We note especially the increase of eighty-five more corps reporting work done this year over last year; also the increase in expenditures for supplies of \$789.35 over last year. This we think is a splendid showing of the good work done by her. We wish to strengthen the desire expressed by her that corps patriotic instructors comply with the ruling of the last National Convention and send name and address immediately after election. Yours in F. C. and L.,

IDA M. SYMTH, No. 17.

CARRIE I. NETCOTT, No. 144.

EMMA BEHRENS, No. 62.

JEAN POWERS, No. 356.

Amy C. Capron, No. 24: Mrs. President, I move we adopt the report of the committee. Seconded by Lizzie Sturges, No. 87 and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Clara A. Carpenter, No. 48: To the officers and members of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps we, your committee on Department Secretary's report beg to submit the following report: We have read the report of the Department Secretary and find it a very complete and concise report and would recommend its adoption. And we congratulate the Department on having had such an efficient officer for Department Secretary. Fraternally submitted,

CLARA A. CARPENTER, No. 48.

LYDIA W. NOTT, No. 126.

RETTA M. IVES, No. 48.

BLANCHE WALL, No. 147.

Belle C. Senn, No. 20: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Anna Crocker, No. 180, and carried.

Department Senior Vice President was called to the chair. The committee's report on the President's address was taken up.

Mrs. President and members of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps: The committee to whom the address of the Department President was referred appreciate the honor of their appointment and hope in the performance of the duty assigned to them, their efforts will meet the approval of the woman who has presided at the head of our Department during the past year. The perusal of the address proves conclusively that our President has given to the work of the year the same earnest, unselfish zeal that has characterized all her efforts for the order, and has performed all duties in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. We, the committee, approve the report as a whole, except

recommendations Nos. 1 and 4, which we think should be acted upon by the entire convention, also recommendation No. 2, to be amended to read, "Without expense to the department." Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FREDERICA PHILPOT,
ESTELLE E. PLOPPER,
EMMA GOULD,
JEAN TOMPKINS,
FLORA E. POND.

Anna M. Kistner, No. 15: Mrs. Senior Vice President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Susan Sherwood, No. 50. Discussions.

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. President, I would just like to ask if we are not to act on the recommendations separately? Some of the ladies do not understand. Recommendation No. 2, regarding the exemplification of the ritual is the one we want to know about. Is the expense to be borne by the department?

Department Senior Vice President: This motion is only on the report of the committee, and they ask that the convention act separately on the recommendations. The motion was put and carried.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: I will read recommendation No. 1: That a committee be appointed, one by the incoming President and one by the retiring president, to complete and have typewritten such a helper for the convenience and use of the Department officers.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, in regard to the expense, a number of members here have typewriters and it seems to me it could be done without expense to the Department. If the committee will prepare the report, I will have it typewritten.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, I move that we adopt this resolution. Seconded by Lydia Dickson, No. 76, and carried.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: I will read recommendation No. 2: That we re-establish the custom of exemplifying the Ritual at Department conventions, the work to be done by a corps selected by the President outside of the city in which the Convention is held. The same amended by the committee to read, "Without expense to the Department."

Kate Hanchett, No. 83: I would like to have one matter explained. Why put "outside of the city where the convention is held?"

Department President: My reason for that was because they had complained that where the convention is held there is so much to be done they did not have time to practice and get ready for this with all their own arrangements, and if a corps outside could do it, they could take all the time they wanted. The President could choose a corps close at hand.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: Many of the corps would like to have this work put on just as we used to have it.

Eliza Moyer, No. 38: Mrs. President, I move that we adopt this recommendation. Seconded by many.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, two years ago, I think, this matter was brought up in the convention at Mason City. I would like to ask when we are going to have time to attend the exemplification of the ritualistic work? I think our members owe it to the Grand

Army to attend their campfires, the two evenings we are in the city of the convention. We now make it a rule to have a short session on Tuesday. We did this year. It is now well on in the afternoon and we are not nearly through with our business. When would we have time for it this year? I think the District convention is the place to exemplify the ritual.

Marie L. Basham, No. 24: I agree with Miss Hanchett in regard to exemplifying the ritual. There is no time for it. This convention is small compared with many, and the larger the convention, the more there is to do. Tuesday afternoon is always set aside for the reception of the Grand Army and an open meeting. I am sure that we each and all want to go to the campfires and assure the comrades by our presence of our loyalty; and we enjoy the campfires. The District conventions are established for the purpose to do this work. There is no criticism and explanations when the ritual is exemplified at the Department convention as a rule. And, however hard they work, there will be little things creep in that should be corrected for the sake of the delegates. With all due respect to our President, I know she wants to please us all, but I really believe it would be a mistake for the Department to re-establish our ritualistic work.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: Mrs. President, I have been asked that if I went to the convention, to in some way make a change, and have the exemplification of the ritual at the convention. And certainly in Des Moines your exemplification was most beautiful and we found time for everything. I think we can manage it some way. I know the ladies all over the state would come to see it. Perhaps some corps in the neighborhood would be glad to do this work. We can find time somewhere. Sit up a little later at night. I would be glad to see the old fashion.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: I think that those ladies who request this to be brought back, do not think that the organization is growing, and that it requires more work to hold a convention. It is a hard place to fill, Department President. We want the exemplification in the District Conventions where the work can be discussed, because we cannot do that in the State Convention. I remember when we did not have half the delegates we do now. I think we have more time in the district conventions.

Mary W. Hazard, No. 27: The District Conventions come so late in the year. The new President needs it earlier; the District Convention does not come until her year is nearly over. Our Corps has asked that it be changed if there can be some way to have it.

Sue Stanwood, No. 122: I am in favor of presenting it at our state conventions. We have no larger a membership in convention than we had two years ago. This convention numbers 246. We put it on at Muscatine when we had a larger convention. We simply had the time because it was on the program and had its place. I think it is best. A great many department officers are here to see the work. I think the work should be criticized. I am in favor of exemplifying it each year.

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: I am to go on record once more as favoring the exemplification of the ritual at Department conventions. Three-fourths of the ladies here will say it was the most attractive feature

of the conventions. (Applause.) I think we would have had ninety or one hundred more people here if you had exemplified the ritual. As for time, I will bet you we could find the time. There is no more work than years ago and we got through it. And as to the correction of the work, as it is going on or at the close, I have always thought myself as Sue Stanwood has said, that the work should be criticized.

It would be for the information and benefit of the delegates and should be corrected. It may be old fashioned, but what do we care? If it does us good, we want it. I think for the satisfaction of the Corps we should re-establish this custom. I do not believe it is necessary to bring in another Corps.

I am sure the ladies here from Ft. Dodge will bear me out when I say while it was hard work, it did them more good than anything else in the convention. I believe you will find that true everywhere. It may be hard for those in charge of the convention, but I think it would be worth it. (Applause.)

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: I know of several who did not come here because we did not exemplify. It is a beautiful feature. Another thing, this convention is not nearly so large as some conventions when we had exemplification of the ritual beautifully done. We ought to arrange it so we could go to a campfire.

Lulu White, No. 286: I want to ask, who will bear the expense of the Corps putting on the work? Will a Corps come and put this work on successfully and take it upon themselves to attend the convention at their own expense?

Department President: It was not expected that the Department would be to any expense. It was expected the President would choose a Corps outside of the city that would be ready to come to the convention and put the floor work on. (Applause.)

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: What have we our inspectors for? May I ask Mrs. Ring a question? Why did we have this extra session on Tuesday afternoon? (Mrs. Ring: Because we had nothing else to do.) Naturally a larger membership brings out a larger convention. I think we have not the time for it.

Laura Belle Walker, No. 11: I only wanted to say that if all these people who have staid away because the ritual has not been exemplified, that if they are not interested in all the other lines of our wonderful work, then I do not think they would be much benefited by even the exemplification.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: I want to go on record as not being in favor of the exemplification of the ritual. I think it would be taking a step backward. The convention is attraction enough and the exemplification is not a part of the convention. I do not believe in this attraction of exemplification. Many times in the past I have gone to exemplification feeling I must, out of courtesy to the entertaining Corps, when I should rather have gone to the campfire.

Nora Bryson, No. 45: Who will bear the expense of the outside Corps exemplifying? The motion was put and lost.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: One more, ladies. That the President detail a capable worker, convincing speaker, one who can give all her time, if required, to travel over the state in the interest of organization and general upbuilding of the order. The same remuneration allowed her while in active service as is given the office of Secretary

and Treasurer, her expenses to be paid by the Corps, where practicable, otherwise by the Department.

Ida M. Smyth, No. 17: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report. Seconded by Flora E. Pond, No. 386, and discussed as follows:

Lizzie Bunker, No. 24: I would like to ask what are the duties of Aides?

Department President: All of the Aides know what their duties are. There are 154 corps lost since organization. We have only 203 corps. Nearly as many corps lost as we now have. We would have lost, I do not know how many last year, had not some special effort been put forth to keep them. We will lose more if we are indifferent to our welfare. This year we lost four. They might have been kept if we had had some lady who understood our work, to send to them. She should be a good speaker; a lady who has time, plenty of time, who will make it her special business. Our membership is growing, but think of the great curtailing of our territory all the while. And besides there is another organization doing everything possible to get members. They have an organizer and they use every means to make the comrades think the Corps will not last. I know I have had Aides who have helped to increase the membership this year; but there are Aides who do not understand the full importance of their duties. I wish you could know how much I appreciate all my Aides have done this year; I do love these Aides, but I wanted them for work and only for work many would be glad to do the work if they only understood about it. If we had an organizer this year they would have accomplished more.

Marie L. Brasham, No. 24: I just want to say that the little lady who just spoke has been one of the most faithful Aides the Department ever had. The first year that she was President she initiated twenty-eight members and the next year more than that. We are certainly proud of Mrs. Bunker.

Department President: If they were all like Mrs. Bunker we would not need anyone else, but that is just it exactly; they are not.

Addie E. Unangst, No. 34: I have said very little during this convention, but I want to say that if everyone present could read the beautiful letters that I have received from the Aides all over the state of Iowa telling me of the work they have done, and how true they are to the Department President. They did everything they could.

Margaret Gantz, No. 12: I want to say our Aide, since she was appointed, has initiated six and reinstated two and for the Post she has done more than that. Now our Aide has worked. I think every Aide is ready to do this work and it can be done without such an expense to the Department.

Lydia Dickson, No. 76: I have initiated five new members since January and there are four more to come in the next meeting. I have been at work ever since I have been in the Woman's Relief Corps.

Department President: There have been things said that have made me wish we had an organizer. They say to the old soldiers, we are nothing but an auxiliary and we will have to disband. Of course some of them are made to believe it.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: I would like to have that resolution

read. There is a point I would like to know about. (Mrs. Philpot again read the recommendation.) I think we have an I. and I. Officer especially to do this line of work. It would be much fairer to her instead of appointing another person, to pay her expenses and let her do the work. (Applause.)

Lena T. Ring, No. 11: I agree with Mrs. Berry that instead of creating more, it would be better to give the officer we have more authority and more money to carry out the work of the I. and I. Officer, as all we require in this work could be done by her and it seems to me better than creating a new office.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Two years ago this discussion was up in regard to weak corps and it was carried that such money as was needed should be used to look after weak corps, so all the President had to do was use her judgment in its expenditure.

Department President: There was such a decision two years ago.

Belle C. Senn, No. 20: I would like to say a few words. I tell you ladies I know that if some influential Department Officer would have charge of this work it would help a great deal and would strengthen our cause and give us standing with the public. Or if a Past Department President was sent for inspector, it would be better; she understands the work and I think it would be best to send as Inspectors, past officers.

Senior Vice President put the question.

Past Department President Estella E. Plopper explained: Now, ladies, you understand the question is, "Are we to have an organizer and pay her traveling expenses, pay her per diem and her railroad fare?"

Sue Stanwood, No. 122: I understand this, that she travels to weak corps to strengthen them and asks them to pay for her expenses.

Lena T. Ring: Other organization have their organizers, why not the Woman's Relief Corps?

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: We have an individuality of our own. Let us not take into consideration what someone else does. (Applause.) If we have a woman who can do this work, let us make her our I. and I. Officer.

The vote was taken and the motion lost.

Ida M. Smyth, No. 17: Mrs. President, I move the report as a whole be adopted. Seconded by Louise Siefert, No. 83 and carried.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President. I move that One Hundred Dollars be used at the discretion of the Department President for recruiting purposes. Seconded by Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83, and carried.

The following ladies were nominated by their respective districts for District Delegate to the National Convention.

District.	9	Mary Hanson, No. 37.
1 Jessie Gleason, No. 164.	10	Anna Beaham, No. 122.
2 Margaret Hinman, No. 148.	11	Laura Belle Walker, No. 11.
3 Emma C. Spear, No. 208.	12	Anna Rebecca Willett, No. 234.
4 P. Jane Webber, No. 353.	13	Amy C. Capron, No. 24.
5 Nora Lusk, No. 283.	14	Julia I. Jennings, No. 264.
6 Nettie L. Ward, No. 38.	15	Annie E. Brown, No. 206.
7 Mittie E. Dodge, No. 147.	16	Lauretta Cowles, No. 134.
8 Mary Rogers, No. 26.	17	Margaret C. Gantz, No. 21.

Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62: Mrs. President, I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the entire ballot of this convention for these ladies for Delegate in their respective districts. Seconded by Annie W. Thorup, No. 194, and carried. Department President declared them duly elected.

The Secretary read the following names as the nominees for their respective districts for Alternates:

District.	9	Ellen J. Burgin, No. 258.
1 Della G. Miller, No. 58.	10	Mary Heesch, No. 34.
2 Jean D. Tompkins, No. 74.	11	L. Gertrude Anderson, No. 126.
3 Hattie Gilbert, No. 208.	12	Catherine Drew, No. 3.
4 Elsie B. Wade, No. 245.	13	Dawn B. Tullis, No. 24.
5 Lena D. Peters, No. 210.	14	Annie E. Crocker, No. 180.
6 Rebecca Squaires, No. 261.	15	Mary A. Tuttle, No. 140.
7 Mary C. Fisher, No. 20.	16	Alice McDonald, No. 330.
8 Carrie M. Johnston, No. 15.	17	Nora Bryson, No. 45.

Susan McGuire, No. 281: Mrs. President, I move the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the convention for the nominee to each respective district for District Alternate. Seconded by Georgia Wade McClellan and carried.

Amy C. Capron, No. 24: I want to thank the ladies of my district for choosing me to represent them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CARRY GREETINGS TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Georgia Wade McClelland, No. 56: Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, we were received as usual with great cordiality. We were hurried; nevertheless they appreciated our call and assured us that they were very glad to have us come and invited us to come again. It was just a very pleasing trip to every member of the committee. As I looked into the faces of the old comrades it seemed so pathetic to me. I cannot help but think their ranks are thinning; thinner than last year. Their encampment was not so large as last year, but they received us with applause as we came up on the platform. Mrs. President, I feel pleased and gratified and thank you for appointing me on this committee. (Applause.)

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, No. 56.
 JENNIE I. BERRY, No. 11.
 SARAH A. FOX,
 ESTELLE PLOPPER, No. 48.
 FREDERICA PHILPOT, No. 26.
 IDA S. McBRIDE, Nat. President.
 CARRIE I. NETCOTT, No. 144.

Margaret Gantz, No. 21: Mrs. President, I move we accept the report of this committee. Seconded by Belle C. Senn, No. 20, and carried.

Mrs. Romans, No. 56, made further report on telegrams and greetings.

Annie E. Brown, No. 206: Mrs. President, I move that a greeting be sent to Soldier's Home to Janette S. Todd, a Past Department President, who is ill. Seconded by Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83, and carried.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: Mrs. President, I wish to report that we have sent greetings to Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp; to

three Past Department Presidents, Helen R. Griffith, Lizzie Hutchison and Georgia B. Worker, who are unable to be present with us at this time. Also to the Departments of Wisconsin and Oregon, who are in convention assembled at this time. I believe that is all.

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: Mrs. President, I move that we accept the report of the committee and the committee be discharged. Seconded by Susan Sherwood, No. 60, and carried.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, the committee on resolutions offers the following:

Resolution No. 1 is the resolution before you yesterday on which the committee reported unfavorably and the report of the committee was adopted.

Resolution No. 2. Presented to the convention by the Convention of the Seventh District and signed by the District President and District Secretary:

Whereas, At the Department Convention a surplus of \$3,000 was reported: and, Whereas, At the same convention, it was voted that the amount of per capita tax be unchanged,

Be It Resolved, That the Secretary of this Seventh District Convention send a Memorial to the Department Convention of 1914, requesting that from this time forward until motion be rescinded, Twenty-five Dollars be paid to each Delegate or Alternate who attends the National Convention.

Approved by Committee on Resolutions with the recommendation the words "Twenty-five Dollars" be amended to read "Twenty Dollars."

Julia I. Jennings No. 164: Mrs. President, I move we adopt the report of the committee. Seconded by Annie Thorup, No. 194, and carried.

Resolution No. 3. Presented by Garfield Woman's Relief Corps, No. 264, signed by the president, secretary and a special committee.

Whereas, The present system of gavel calls used by the Woman's Relief Corps in preparing the ballot causes irregularity and confusion in forming line, Therefore

Be It Resolved: That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention that the ritual be changed to read that at the first tap of the gavel members seated at the right of the President shall rise, at the second tap shall step into line, and at the third tap shall face the President and march; after balloting and returning to their seats, tap shall seat the members, and at the same time shall be the signal for the members on the right.

Not approved by the Committee on Resolutions.

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Christian Snyder Romans, No. 56, and carried.

Resolution No. 4. Presented by the President and Secretary of the Nineteenth Iowa Regimental Association. Orman McPherson case.

We, your committee, appointed to investigate and report on the case of Orman McPherson, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas Orman McPherson has been confined in the penitentiary at Fort Madison for the past eighteen years, under a sentence unjustly imposed upon him, and

Whereas, He was a member of Company G 19th Iowa and served during the Civil War as a brave and efficient soldier, and

Whereas, His conduct in the prison during the eighteen years of his detention there has been exemplary and indorsed by the Warden and officials, and

Whereas, The officials of the 19th Iowa have investigated his case fully and have filed a request with this body for concerted action in his behalf, directed to the Governor of the State of Iowa, Therefore,

Be It Resolved, By the Convention of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps that we endorse the efforts made for the pardon of Orman McPherson and respectfully urge with all earnestness we possess that said pardon be extended to this old soldier without further delay.

The Committee on Resolutions, after careful investigation recommend that action in behalf of this comrade be left to individual members of the Woman's Relief Corps of Iowa.

Dawn Tullis, No. 24: Mrs. President, I move the report of the committee be sustained. Seconded by Helen R. South, No. 37.

Lydia Dickson, No. 76: The citizens of Ft. Madison salute this man. Everybody knows him and all respect him. My husband is his guard and he speaks well of him and he is allowed to go almost everywhere.

P. Jane Webber, No. 353: Is it not best to take this matter up with our representatives and senators? I would like to be advised.

Amy Robinson, No. 99: I would like to ask this question: If we take this matter up as individuals, what can we accomplish in comparison with the convention?

Ray M. Hanchett, No. 83: As I understand it this has been before the Board of Parole and before the Governor—in fact before two Governors. I am quite sure a great amount of evidence has been before the Board of Parole and I heartily approve the decision of the committee. We can act as individuals. I know from experience we have many people from many places in state institutions and if we were to hear every story it could not help but bring tears to your eyes. It may not be a good thing to write the Board of Parole when we realize what they have to do. I think we should approve the report of the committee.

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: I made inquiry of Past Department Commander Evans what the Grand Army of the Republic did about this matter and he said they did not go before the Board of Parole, but left it to individuals. He said we could address the Governor or the Board of Parole. I am interested in this man. I am interested in his face. We know only one side of his story. I wish the individual members would all write letters and make an effort to help this unfortunate comrade.

Department President: As many as feel like it, let us write the Governor asking him to pardon this man.

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Do the women write as a Relief Corps or as individuals; sign their own names?

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: We write as individual members of the Relief Corps.

Annie Thorup, No. 194: It will not have the effect on the Governor nor on any body else that it would have if the convention took up the matter. That is the reason the committee has put it in this way. If we wish to help the man, I believe we are agreed it would be the right thing to do. Let us ask for an especial pardon as a convention not as individuals.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: We are guided in our report by the action of the Grand Army of the Republic. The motion was put and carried.

Resolution No. 5: Presented by Comrade T. W. Lincoln, asking the endorsement and co-operation of the Department in the establishment of the Grand Army Advocate in Iowa. Covered by action on Recommendation No. 9, Department President's Address.

Resolution No. 6. Presented by Department Senior Aide. Resolved, That the incoming Department President appoint a committee to formulate a blank on which the Department Aides may report their work to the Senior Aide and that sufficient blanks be printed for the work of the coming year. Approved by the committee.

Fannie E. Wardan, No. 62: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Lizzie Sturges, No. 87, and carried.

Resolution No. 7. Presented by the Committee on Resolutions. That the Thirty-first Convention of the Iowa Woman's Relief Corps, representing twelve thousand members of the order, earnestly protest against any attempt to rearrange the design of the flag of our country, or to change its familiar loved aspect. (Applause.)

Carrie I. Netcott, No. 144: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Amy C. Capron, No. 24, and carried unanimously by a rising vote.

Resolution No. 8. Presented by the Committee on Resolutions. That the incoming Department President take the necessary steps to have printed and distributed to every Iowa Corps, copies of Iowa's laws for the protection of the flag, that corps members throughout the state may become familiar with its provisions and be prepared to guard intelligently against desecration of the flag in the communities in which they reside.

Estella E. Plopper, No. 48: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of this resolution. Seconded by Barbara Groves, No. 24 and carried. Resolution No. 9. Whereas, The Thirty-first Annual Convention of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps has in its visit to the hostess city of Burlington received a most cordial welcome and the most careful thought for its comfort and pleasure, and

Whereas, The decorations and entertainment provided in honor of the Grand Army veterans, and the complete arrangements for their care have been remarkable in kind and character,

Be it resolved, That we, the members of the Iowa Woman's Relief Corps in Department Convention assembled, extend our warmest thanks and our assurance of grateful appreciation to the following: To C. L. Matthies Post and C. L. Matthies Corps for their loyal and capable work in superintending our entertainment and for the splendid results of their efforts.

To the city authorities and the commercial club of Burlington for their active enthusiastic work to the same end.

To the patriotic citizens of the town whose generosity made effective the work of the various committees appointed to minister to the needs of the visitors of the week.

Our gratitude is due the people and pastor of the Presbyterian church for tendering their church for the use of our convention.

We appreciate the co-operation received in the erection of a platform for the exercises attending our flag presentation.

We shall remember with especial pleasure the music furnished for our memorial services and the voices of the school children of Burlington as lifted in patriotic song.

The campfire and excursions which our delegates have enjoyed will add much to our memories of this convention week.

We recognize kindly favors and courtesies accorded us by the Burlington Press in reporting our conventions and reception.

In recognition of these things, and many more not here detailed the above resolutions are offered for consideration by the convention. Respectfully submitted

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, No. 11.
GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, No. 56.
LENA T. RING, No. 11.
MARY A. TUTTLE, No. 140.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: Mrs. President, I move we adopt these resolutions. Seconded by Mira L. Parker, No. 27 and carried.

Belle C. Senn, No. 20: Mrs. President, I move we adopt the report of the committee as a whole. Seconded by Mary A. Brown No. 20, and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Mae Pier, No. 37: Mrs. President, we, your committee, appointed to examine the Press Correspondent's report, find the same in most excellent condition. Signed by the committee,

MAE PIER No. 37.
LAURA MOORE, No. 254.
ANNA C. VanHOSEN, No. 27.

Martha Morgan, No. 299: Mrs. President, I move the adoption of the report of the committee. Seconded by Theriesa Schetgen, No. 299, and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO LADIES G. A. R.

Elsie B. Wade, No. 245: To the Thirty-first Department Convention of Iowa. We as a committee to extend Greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R., report a very cordial and loyal reception. The president received and welcomed us heartily with a hand-shake and an invitation to give a few remarks to their assembly, to which Belle C. Senn responded with her unfurled flags and a few well chosen words. After which Elsie B. Wade expressed her pleasure at being present in their convention. They presented us with their official badge, also a reception badge. We retired escorted by the colors while they sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

ELsie B. WADE, No. 245.
BELLE C. SENN, No. 20.
SUE STANWOOD, No. 122.

Anna M. Kistner, No. 15: Mrs. President, I move the report of the committee be accepted. Seconded by Gertrude Anderson, No. 126, and carried.

Lena T. Ring No. 11: Mrs. President; I move the customary amount of Twenty-five Dollars be voted as a testimonial to the Department President. Seconded by Georgia Wade McClellan. Department Senior Vice President Fannie E. Wardan put the question and it carried.

Sarah A. Fox, No. 122: I move that Ten Dollars be voted for the janitor of this church, ten dollars to the Assistant Secretary and ten dollars to the musician. Seconded by Susan Sherwood, No. 60, and carried.

Lu L. Schrack, No. 14: Mrs President, I want to bring a little matter before this convention. There have been three Bands of Mercy instituted this year that is along our line of work. The Band of Mercy at Shenandoah is the Mattie E. Witter Band of Mercy and we ought to be proud of it. (Applause.) The Pat. Inst. of the corps there solicited for flags for every schoolroom in the city and sent for flags long before the time. She has done so much patriotic work the past year. I wish you would present her to this convention.

Department President: I am glad you spoke of that. Ladies I want you to see and know Mrs. Green of Shenandoah. She is one of our Color Bearers. I wanted to honor her with this appointment. She will tell you something about her work.

Jennie J. Green, No. 250: Well, I wanted a flag for every schoolroom in town and there are twenty-five. When I start I thought I would ask only the Grand Army Post and the Relief Corps, but they were not able to buy them, so there was nothing for me to do but to find some way to get them. So I used this plan. I went to the mothers and asked them to give 75 cents to buy flags for the school rooms and I had no trouble whatever to get the money. Then we had exercises and presented them. Each child carried a flag for the schoolroom accompanied by a veteran. The teachers did all they could and we had a fine program with flag drills. It was all very nice. The papers called it "a burst of patriotism." They now salute the flag every Monday and Friday. (Applause.)

Lu L. Schrack, No. 14: I wanted you to tell what they said about Mrs. Witter. They said if she will only come we will give her a hearty welcome and meet her at the train. The children said that. (Applause.)

Department President: And they said the same of Mrs. Schrack. And she sent them a flag, too. She certainly did fine work.

Christine Snyder Romans, No. 56: I thought Denison did wonderfully in patriotic work this year, but Mrs. Green is far ahead of us. We gave three cash prizes for the best essays on Our Flag by the seventh and eighth grades. They had a fine program; prominent people came out and it was a fine time. I thought it was wonderful, but Shenandoah is away ahead of us.

Frederica Philpot, No. 26: We had a request from the War Department that we send our Department Journals; they wanted a complete file of our Journals. I sent all up to and including mine and I believe none have been sent since. I think if the Department President will, it will be best for her to take the matter up and send them to the

War Department, Washington, D. C. I move that she do this. Seconded by Georgia Wade McClellan and carried.

Convention Secretary read the minutes of the afternoon session and they were approved.

Department President announced that the Aide who reported having secured the greatest gain in membership and who was thereby entitled to the Recognition Pin would be mentioned in General Orders No. 2.

Department Secretary read the minutes of the first council meeting.

Georgia Wade McClellan, No. 56: Mrs. President, I move that we approve the minutes of the first council meeting. Seconded by Elizabeth Carter, No. 29, and carried.

Department Secretary read the minutes of the second council meeting.

L. Gertrude Anderson, No. 126: Mrs. President, I move we adopt the minutes of the second council meeting. Seconded by Georgia Wade McClellan and carried.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11: Mrs. President, I move that all unfinished business be referred to the incoming council. Seconded by Estella E. Plopper, No. 48, and carried.

Department President: Ladies, I want to say to the officers who have served me in this convention and throughout the year, that you have been most faithful and I assure you I deeply appreciate all you have done. My heart is full of love and kindly thought for you.

The Installing Officer is ready and I think all of our work is finished, so we will have the installation immediately.

Jennie Iowa Berry, No. 11, was the Installing Officer and installed the officers according to the ritual. Following is the list of officers.

Department President, Carrie I. Netcott, No. 144, Independence.

Senior Vice President, Sue Browning, No. 122, Muscatine.

Junior Vice President, Della Milliman, No. 283, Logan.

Treasurer, Mary W. Hazard, No. 27, Des Moines.

Chaplain, Emma Sackett, No. 117, Winterset.

Secretary, Edith S. Sill, No. 144, Independence.

Inspector, Nora L. Bryson, No. 45, Washington.

Counselor, Mattie E. Witter, No. 180, Council Bluffs.

I. and I. Officer, L. Gertrude Anderson, No. 126, Marion.

Patriotic Instructor, Lulu C. White, No. 286, Oskaloosa.

Editress and Press Correspondent, Lu L. Schrack, No. 14, Parkersburg.

Chief of Staff, Frederica Philpot, No. 26, Dubuque.

Department Junior Vice President, Della Milliman, No. 283, Logan, and Department Chaplain, Emma Sackett, No. 117, Winterset, were absent.

Retiring Department President, Mattie E. Witter announced a council meeting at 8 p. m. at the Hotel Burlington.

Department President Carrie I. Netcott announced a meeting of the new council immediately after the old council meeting, in same room, and same place. Mrs. Netcott thanked the Installing Officer and assistants

and declared the Thirty-first Department Convention closed.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the foregoing is an accurate and correct account of the proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Iowa.

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Past Department President.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 12, 1913, 10 p. m.
Headquarters Savery Hotel.

The meeting was called to order in Parlor A by the Department President Mattie E. Witter with eleven members present, as follows: President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junior Vice President, Mary A. Tuttle; Secretary, Alice Cooper; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Counselor, Sarah A. Fox; Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott; I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Editress and Press Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner. Executive Board: Mary E. Snyder, Chairman; Second Member, Emma H. Sheetz; Fourth Member, Margaret E. Meyers. Prayer was offered for Divine guidance and strength for the work of the new year by Mary E. Snyder. The President called for the minutes of the afternoon session of the Department Convention, not previously read. The minutes were not prepared for reading. Moved by Mary E. Snyder, seconded by Sarah A. Fox that the Convention Secretary, Rettie M. Greer, be permitted to complete her records and place them in the hands of the President for publication in the Journal. Carried. A motion was made by Fannie E. Wardan, seconded by Sarah A. Fox, that five dollars be allowed to the President, ten dollars to the Treasurer and fifteen dollars to the Secretary for postage. Carried. Moved by Mary E. Snyder, seconded by Mary A. Tuttle, that the President be empowered to approve all bills of Department Officers without referring them to the Council. Motion prevailed. A motion was made by Elsie B. Wade, seconded by Mary E. Snyder, that the President be authorized to fill all vacancies to the National Convention; motion prevailed. Sarah A. Fox moved that the President be empowered to secure all necessary stationery. Seconded by Mary Tuttle. Carried. Moved by Fannie Wardan, seconded by Mary Tuttle, that we adjourn, subject to the President's call. Carried. Respectfully submitted in

F. C. and L.,

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND COUNCIL MEETING.

Burlington, Iowa, June 16, 1914, 9 a. m.

Headquarters, Burlington Hotel.

The session of the Second Council Heeting was called to order by the Department President, Mattie E. Witter, and opened with prayer by Mary E. Snyder. Eleven Department Officers were present, namely-

President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junior Vice President, Mary A. Tuttle; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Secretary, Alice Cooper; Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott; Counselor, Sarah A. Fox; I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack; Editress and Press Correspondent, Anna M. Kistner; Chairman of Executive Board, Mary E. Snyder. The minutes of the first council meeting were read and approved. Sarah A. Fox reported that her bill for postage as Counselor amounted to 68 cents, but requested that no money order be drawn for same. A motion was made by Elsie B. Wade, seconded by Sarah A. Fox, that the Council recommend that the Committee on Resolutions formulate and present to Convention a resolution that all courtesies in the way of gifts be presented at open meetings of the Convention or at the beginning or close of business sessions, to avoid interruption in the order of business. Carried. Moved by Carrie Netcott, seconded by Mary Snyder, that the Department Treasurer credit the Department with fifty-two returned badges of disbanded Corps and that as far as practicable these be supplied with new ribbons and utilized. Moved by Cornelia Dodd, seconded by Fannie Wardan, that useless supplies be ordered destroyed to save expense of expressage. Motion sustained. Mary E. Snyder reported the serious illness of Department Chaplain Nancy Clapp, and brought her greetings and regrets to the Council. Mary Snyder, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported the auditing of Secretary's and Treasurer's books and finding them correct and in excellent condition. The President spoke with appreciation of the efforts of Department Officers. Moved by Carrie Netcott, seconded by Elsie Wade, that we adjourn, subject to call of President. Carried.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

THE THIRD COUNCIL MEETING.

Headquarters, Burlington Hotel, June 18, 1914.

Session called to order by Department President, Mattie E. Witter. Opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. Response to roll call: President, Mattie E. Witter; Senior Vice President, Fannie E. Wardan; Junior Vice President, Mary A. Tuttle; Secretary, Alice Cooper; Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd; Inspector Carrie I. Netcott; Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack. Moved by Lu Schrack, seconded by Mary A. Tuttle, that the President be empowered to draw orders for Convention and other unpaid bills, and that all other business that may be overlooked, be referred to the incoming Council. Carried. Moved by Carrie Netcott, seconded by Anna M. Kistner, that the Secretary extend sympathy by letter to Mary Snyder, who had to leave on account of being ill. The President referred to the adjustment of the controversy at No. 287, by agreement to drop the letters W. R. C. also the satisfactory adjustment at No. 158. Moved by Fannie Wardan, seconded by Mary A. Tuttle that we adjourn. Carried. Meeting closed with singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

DECISIONS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

That a committee of two be appointed, one by the incoming President and one by the retiring President, to compile and have typewritten a helper for the convenience and use of the Department officers.

That 75 remain the basis for representation to Department Convention.

That the per capita tax remain the same, ten cents per member and one-third cent per member be transferred quarterly to the Relief Fund.

That District Conventions be continued under the direction and supervision of the Department President.

That we continue the decision of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, "That a report be written by the Secretary of each Corps concerning the work of the year which shall be read and approved at a Corps meeting, the President's signature affixed, and the report read by the delegate at District Convention."

That the delegate to District Convention be elected in the usual manner of electing delegates.

That the Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps, accept the Grand Army Advocate as their official organ and use it freely for the advancement of our principles and give their patronage and influence in making it a successful patriotic paper.

That we remember each Army nurse at Christmas time with a small greeting of \$5.00.

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That from this time forward until motion be rescinded, twenty dollars be paid to each Delegate or Alternate who attends the National Convention.

That action in behalf of Orman McPherson be left to individual members of the Woman's Relief Corps of Iowa.

That the incoming Department President appoint a committee to formulate a blank on which the Department Aides may report their work to the Senior Aide and that sufficient blanks be printed for the work of the coming year.

That one hundred dollars be used at the discretion of the Department President for recruiting purposes.

That the usual testimonial of twenty-five dollars be given the retiring Department President.

That ten dollars each be presented the Convention Secretary, musician and janitor.

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That all unfinished business be referred to the incoming Council.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Burlington, located in a natural amphitheatre of limestone bluffs, and facing the right bank of that mighty stream known as the Father of Waters, was most felicitously situated to contribute to the pleasure of delegates and visitors attending the Fortieth G. A. R. encampment and the Thirty-first W. R. C. Convention.

Frequent excursions planned on this fine stream were joyous occasions. The hostess city received unstinted praise for its hospitality and beautiful decorations.

Flags in great profusion stretched in lines across the street formed a canopy of waving emblems that was a beautiful and inspiring sight.

The tread of thousands of feet moving along the streets was hushed in the melody of patriotic airs, while the sound of the drum and fife, and attractive decorations of the Stars and Stripes gave a sense of National import to the gathering.

The first formal event of the G. A. R. encampment took place Tuesday at 11 a. m., June 16, when a handsome American flag was presented to the Prospect Hill school by the W. R. C., with beautiful and appropriate ceremonies. "The Star Spangled Banner" was played by the Orchard City band. The school children, the little girls dressed in white, waving flags, sang, "Columbia." The beautiful Stars and Stripes rose to the summer breeze.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack of Parkersburg, made the presentation as follows: To the Friends and Representatives of Prospect Hill School of Burlington:

This occasion is one of pleasure to me. I come to you from the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Iowa to present to your school a flag in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. Each year we wish to leave in the city where our meeting is held a flag as a remembrance of our coming. We want you to remember that the Woman's Relief Corps deems it its highest privilege to present to the pupils of a public school this emblem of freedom. We want you to realize the price which was paid for this emblem of liberty and freedom by the soldiers of the Union who bought it with their lives. Bought it for us. Loved this flag and the country over which it waves so well that they were willing to sacrifice their all that it might be preserved to us.

The Woman's Relief Corps has been organized to assist them in their material wants as they are traveling on the downward hill of life. We assist them in the dearest wish of their hearts that the young men and women of our country may grow up to be just as true, just as loyal, just as patriotic, as were they who in their youth and manhood marched in other days to the battle fields to defend a nation's honor. And that is why we bring this flag to you; that you may learn from it lessons of patriotism and love of country. May each pupil of this school resolve as they look upon its folds of white so pure, of blue so true, of red so loving, that he will make of himself a man of uprightness and honesty; that he will ever be loyal to his country and to the principles of freedom and justice; that he will love his flag and the Union forever.

It is now 138 years since the United States of America was composed of thirteen states, the greater number of which had a population of little more than that of the average city today. Those thirteen states have grown and multiplied, until there is now forty-eight states with a population of nearly 100,000,000 of the strongest race of men on the earth. The words "United States of America" are an inspiration and a help to the oppressed of all lands. The Union gleams out through the world as a gigantic monument of freedom, and the lowly and persecuted of all nations have their eye turned toward America with the hope that some day they may reach the promised land. The American flag is the oldest flag among the nations of today. The Star Spangled Banner has a history unlike the flag of any other people.

The flag was unfurled the first time over the camp of the Continental army on the 2d day of January, 1776, and it floats today over a nation of free men and women who will never see it disgraced or insulted. Especial interest attaches to the waving of our flag this year, as it is the hundredth anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner" which has been adopted by the War Department as our National anthem.

On behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps of Iowa, in the name of the men who fought on southern battle fields to defend it, I present to you this emblem of liberty. Long may it wave.

(The flag was drawn up to the support across the street. Miss Lelia Horton, dressed as the Goddess of Liberty pulled the string which released a quantity of little silk flags attached to the top of the big flag, and these floated gracefully down among the spectators.)

Your flag and mine. How proudly there
It flutters on the noonday breeze.
And, who, beholding it shall dare
To turn in doubt, or let despair
Assail his noble ecstacies?

Your flag and mine. And ours to guard
So that in future centuries
Still proudly striped and bravely starred,
Unsmirched by shame, by wrong unmarred,
Its might shall thrill, its beauty please.

Your flag and mine. And shall we let
Its glory die or splendor fade?
Who doubts that freedom flaunts it yet,
Or dares to heedlessly forget
By selfishness or passion swayed?

Your flag and mine. And ours to hold
In tender reverence, unafraid,
Our faith adoring every fold,
In virtue strong, in honor bold,
Its grace to all the world displayed.

Your flag and mine. How splendidly
It flutters out against the sky!
How glorious it is to see!
How fair to you, how dear to me!
Most proud of all the flags that fly.

Your flag and mine. And ours to keep
Unsoiled, unshamed, and waving high.
Our trust unfeigned, our courage deep,
For those whom after we shall sleep
It shall inspire and glorify.

Arnold Wilke, a pupil of Prospect Hill school, in accepting the flag said: The Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Iowa, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic: To you this morning the teachers and pupils of Prospect Hill school are deeply grateful for the beautiful gift you have bestowed upon them in so impressive a manner; it will always be a pleasure for them to remember.

No flag our school could ever purchase could possibly equal this flag in value, for coming as it has, from you, noble women, who proved yourselves to be among the bravest in our land when that land was in peril, this gift of the stars and stripes has an almost sacred value.

Prospect Hill school has a right to feel honored today and we hope to prove worthy of the honor you have placed upon us. And we shall treasure this beautiful emblem of freedom as a priceless heritage. We thank you. (Applause.)

The children sang "The Star Spangled Banner. It was estimated the audience numbered 2,000 people and the applause was most enthusiastic.

The reception held Tuesday afternoon, June 16, at the Hotel Burlington. Department headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, was a

social event that will be long remembered. Over a thousand persons were in attendance. Governor Clark and staff, Commander-in-chief: Washington Gardner of Detroit and Senior Aide; Ida S. McBride of Indianapolis, National President, W. R. C.; Department Commander G. A. R., J. W. Willett and wife; Sons of Veterans; Past National President Jennie I. Berry; Past National Secretary Georgia Wade McClellan; Past Department Officers, Department President Mattie E. Witter and husband and Department Official Staff formed the receiving line. Frappe was served by the ladies of No. 62, Burlington Corps and an orchestra furnished delightful music. The Chief of Staff Addie E. Unangst and Aides had charge of this social function. Splendid campfires were great events of the encampment. More than a thousand people were present at each camp-fire held at the Grand Opera House. Intense attention was given by the vast audience to powerful addresses of Governor Clark, Washington Gardner, Commander-in-chief of the G.A.R.; J. W. Willett, Department Commander of the G. A. R. of Iowa; John McElroy, Editor of the National Tribune; Ida S. McBride of Indianapolis, National President, W. R. C.; Past Department Commander David Palmer; Past Department President W. R. C. Estella Plopper and other eloquent speakers, and to a most cordial address of welcome by Mayor Cross of Burlington. A fine program of war songs by the band and soul-stirring vocal music were pleasing features.

The following description was given as seen by one of our Past Department Presidents in attendance:

"One of the most enjoyable events of the week was the great campfire Wednesday evening in the lobby of the Hotel Burlington, participated in by the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps. Old Glory was in every hand, waving and marking time.

"All the old war songs and patriotic selections were sung with a will. The volume of sound attracted passersby who came in to listen and fired by the patriotic spirit so evident, remained to join in the singing, which lasted nearly one hour. There were many noticeably fine voices among the Grand Army men and 'The Star Spangled Banner' took on new meaning when sung by the men who followed it for three years through weary marches, defended it on many battle fields, and returned from the front with it the sole emblem of their 'native land,' made by their sacrifices, truly a 'sweet land of Liberty.'

"Who then should sing with more power or more reverence of 'My Country' than the men who wore the Blue? The memory of that scene, and the melody of those triumphant voices will always stir the memory. God bless the veterans, and give them many happy reunions with their comrades."

The Gettysburg Association gathered at a luncheon. Sociability reigned supreme.

Prescriptions of good fellowship were enjoyed at a breakfast for the Past Department Presidents' Association, with Jennie I. Berry as hostess.

Generous citizens of Burlington furnished many automobiles for the pleasure of their guests.

Ideal weather prevailed throughout the encampment and added much to the pleasure and comfort of the veterans.

The Grand Parade at 1:30 p. m., June 17, was an inspiring and memorable event.

Enormous throngs cheered heartily as 1,800 soldiers, survivors of the great Civil war, marched in grand review, keeping step and bearing the flags of their regiments, with the spirit of the boy of '61.

The National Asociation of Civil War Musicians were represented by over sixty members and they played their fifes and beat their drums with the old-time spirit.

One of the delightful features of the whole day was the work of the children's chorus of more than a thousand voices. The veterans bared their heads as they listened with special delight to the National hymn and joined in the chorus with them in "Marching through Georgia."

Letters and Telegrams of Greeting

Indianapolis, Ind., March 19, 1914.

My Dear Mrs. Witter:

Thanks for the invitation to attend your Convention, which I am planning to accept. I think I will reach Burlington some time the 16th and probably will have to leave the evening of the 17th for Lansing, Mich. Kindly send me your program. I am hoping to be accompanied by my husband, Judge McBride, who was a resident of Iowa before the war, and he is very desirous to attend the Iowa encampment. Wishing you a successful conclusion of your year's work. Very sincerely yours,

IDA S. McBRIDE,
National President, W. R. C.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 12, 1914.

To the Thirty-first Annual Convention, W. R. C., Burlington, Iowa.
Greeting:

The members of Abe Lincoln W. R. C., No. 180, wish to officially acknowledge the great honor which it has been our privilege to enjoy the past year of having had the Department President and Department Secretary chosen from among our members. We most heartily appreciate the honor and truly feel that it was a mutual recognition of our Corps and of the untiring devotion of our sisters.

We most sincerely believe that no two officers could have been found that would have filled the offices of Department President and Department Secretary in a more worthy, efficient, conscientious or loyal manner than our Mrs. Witter and Mrs. Cooper.

In F. C. and L.,

INEZ A. SHERMAN,
Secretary.

EMMA ALEXANDER,
President.

Union, Oregon, June 3, 1914.

My dear President:

I acknowledge with pleasure your very cordial invitation to attend your Convention, with regrets that I cannot accept.

Please convey to your Convention my greetings. I am sure you will have a most delightful close of your year's work, which you richly deserve.

I have read with much interest and pleasure your General Orders, they being among the best I have received from any source.

Thanking you for courtesies extended, I remain, with assurances of high regard.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
CORA M. DAVIS.
Past National President, W. R. C.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 22, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President W. R. C., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

I regret very much that I cannot accept your good invitation to be present at your Convention. While our President is away, I presume I shall find plenty to do at headquarters.

Wishing you a pleasant and profitable time, I am

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,

CATHERINE M. HOSTER,

National Secretary.

Ritzville, Wash., June 7, 1914.

Mattie E. Witter, Department President of W. R. C.,

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Department President:

I am very sorry to have to decline your kind invitation to visit your Thirty-first Department Convention, but extend my best wishes.

Loyally yours in F. C. and L.

MYRA BENNINGTON,

Department President of Washington-Alaska W. R. C.

Alva, Okla., May 9, 1914.

Mattie E. Witter,

Department President:—

Your kind invitation to attend your Annual Convention received. I herewith acknowledge my appreciation for the courtesy extended and regret I cannot be with you. I send greetings from the Department of Oklahoma for a prosperous and harmonious Convention.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

(Mrs.) ELLA RENFREW,

Department President of Oklahoma.

Alexandria, S. D., June 1, 1914.

Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, Iowa.

Dear President:

Your kind invitation to be with you at your Annual Convention, I should be most happy to attend, but regret to say I can not come, as I shall be very busy at that time getting ready for our own.

Thanking you for remembering me and for General Orders received, I am

Yours very sincerely,

NELLIE CHAPMAN.

You have my best wishes for a fine Convention.

Burlington, Vt., May 18, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter, Department President:

Please accept my thanks for your kind invitation to be present

at your Department Convention held at Burlington, Iowa, June 16. I greatly regret that distance will prevent my attendance.

May you have a profitable and harmonious Convention.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ETTA K. MARTIN,

Past Department President of Vermont.

Herndon, Va., June 2, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Witter:

Please present my greetings to the members of your Convention also my regrets that I cannot be present during what I know will be a profitable and harmonious session.

Accept my congratulations upon a prosperous administration

In F. C. and L.,

MARY M. NORTH.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 2, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Witter:

Department President, Iowa W. R. C.,

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Witter

Wishing with all my heart that you may have one of the best Department Conventions that Iowa Patriotic Sisters are famous for. Trusting we may meet again at Detroit, Mich, in September, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,
CAPT. WALLACE FOSTER.

Lincoln, April 28, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, Iowa.

Dear President:

I would be very glad indeed to be with you in Convention, but will not be able to enjoy that pleasure. Wishing you a very fine Convention, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,
MINNIE D. BELL,
Department President, Nebraska.

Toledo, Ohio, June 1, 1914.

Department of Iowa, Greetings:

The Department of Ohio sends you best wishes for a prosperous and harmonious Convention.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
KATE G. RAYNOR and Committee,
For the Department of Ohio W. R. C.

St. Joseph, April 28, 1914.

It would delight me exceedingly to meet with you in Convention, but on account of previous engagements, I am obliged to decline your

kind invitation This Department wishes you a most pleasant and harmonious gathering

Yours sincerely in F. C. and L.,
HATTIE M. BEACH,
Department President.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 23, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, W. R. C., Iowa.

My dear President:

Am in receipt of your most cordial invitation to be present at your Convention. It would be a very great pleasure indeed to be able to do so, but finding it impossible, am sending greetings and best wishes for a most successful Convention.

I am yours in F. C. and L.,
MYRTIE ROACH,
President Department of W. Va.

New York, April 24, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, Iowa W. R. C.,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear President:

Invitation to be present at the Thirty-first Annual Convention to be held June 16-18, at Burlington, Iowa, received. Please accept thanks for same.

My very best wishes for a pleasant and profitable Convention.
May yours be one of the best ever held by your Department.

Yours in fraternity Charity and Loyalty,
JULIA A. MOYNIHAN,
Department President.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, W. R. C.,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

I have just received your invitation to be present at the Thirty-first Annual Convention of your Department and regret very much that I cannot accept it and have the pleasure of meeting you and your co-workers; but I can wish you a successful Convention and do so with all my heart.

Thanking you for the courtesy of the invitation, I am
Yours sincerely in F. C. and L.,
ABBIE LYNCH.,
National Treasurer.

Attleboro, Mass., May 30, 1914.

Mrs. Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, W. R. C.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

"Had I the wings of a dove" I would surely bring to you in person,

my hearty greetings to Convention assembled. I shall be with you in thought, and wish you a most harmonious and successful Convention, as I know it will be. My hearty congratulations upon a profitable year's work. I am

Cordially yours in F. C. and L.,

ELIZA BROWN-DAGETT,
Past National Senior V.-Pres., W. R. C.

Oregon City, Ore., June 3, 1914

Mattie E. Witter,
Department President, Iowa.

My dear President:

The Department of Oregon sends you greetings and wishes you a pleasant and successful Convention. May your Convention be the crowning glory of your administration.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.

ROSINA FOUTS-EVANS,
Department President of Oregon.

Omaha, Nebr., May 20, 1914,

Mattie E. Witter,
Department President, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

I received your kind invitation to attend your Department Convention and greatly regret my inability to do so. I extend loving greetings to your Convention and to you, personally. I hope Iowa will have one of the most successful and harmonious Conventions in its history.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

LILLIAN P. Eddy,
Past National Press Correspondent.

Emporia, Kas., June 10, 1914.

Mattie E. Witter,
Department President, W. R. C.,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

I am in receipt of your invitation to attend your Convention and I wish it were possible to accept, but at this writing, I am unable to do so. However, you have my very best wishes for a successful meeting which I feel sure you will have.

I thank you for the General Orders sent me during the year and I want you to know that they have been appreciated. Please remember me with kindly thoughts to all the Iowa girls.

I am yours in F. C. and L.,

BELLE C. HARRIS,
Past National President.

Fredonia, Kas., April 4, 1914.

Dear President:

Your invitation to be present at your Department Convention was duly received. I wish it were possible for me to be with you. Thank-

ing you kindly for the invitation and hoping you may have a pleasant and successful Convention, I am,

Yours in F C. and L.,
MAGGIE DORNBLASER.

368 Congress St., Boston, Mass., Jan. 20, 1914.

Mattie E. Witter,

Department President, W. R. C.,
330 11th avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

My dear President:

Please accept my sincere appreciation of the very great honor you pay me in inviting me to be present at the Thirty-first Annual Convention of your Department to be held at Burlington in the month of June. Nothing could give me greater pleasure than to be present, but I doubt very much if I can have that privilege. Nevertheless, I thank you for your kindly consideration.

With high regard and best wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully in F. C. and L.,
E. B. Stillings,

Fort Dodge, June 15, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Witter:

I send greetings to your Department Convention. I was so in hopes I could be with you this time, but I am not able to take the trip. May you have a prosperous and harmonious Convention.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
NETTIE GUILD,
Past Department Senior Vice President.

Chariton, Iowa, June 17, 1914.

Christine Romans,

Burlington, Iowa.

Greetings of Convention of Women's Relief Corps received. Thanks and best wishes for Convention, I am convalescing nicely.

NANCY CLAPP.

General Orders

Headquarters Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 17, 1913.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1.

Having been elected and installed President of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps at the thirtieth annual convention held in Des Moines, June 10 to 12, 1913, I hereby assume the duties and responsibilities of the office, establishing headquarters at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where a welcome will be extended to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps and all patriotic organizations.

I appreciate the honor conferred upon me and to every member of our order I extend greetings:

"In unity there is strength."

The following Department officers were elected:

President—Mattie E. Witter, Council Bluffs.

Senior Vice-President—Fannie E. Wardan, Burlington.

Junior Vice-President—Mary A. Tuttle, Greenfield.

Treasurer—Cornelia T. Dodd, Algona.

Chaplain—Nancy Clapp, Chariton.

Executive Board.

Mary E. Snyder, East Des Moines, 1324 Walker street, Chairman.

Emma H. Sheetz, Williamsburg.

Lennie W. Pickett, Marshalltown.

Margaret E. Meyers, Missouri Valley.

Elizabeth Beal, Belle Plaine.

Delegate-at-Large—Flora E. Pond, Oskaloosa.

Alternate-at-Large—Mary W. Bixby, Des Moines.

District Delegates.

Delegates—

Jessie McKay, Decorah.

Jean Tompkins, Clear Lake.

Adah Stephenson, Spencer.

Elsie B. Wade, Akron.

Lizzie Sturges, Sioux City.

Naomi Bradley, Jefferson.

Anna Steigerwalt, Ames.

Kate Hanchett, Waverly.

Mary Hansen, Dubuque.

Christle Hickey, Davenport.

Alternates—

Jennie Clark, Cresco.

Mame Kearney, Mason City.

Eva Willett, Manson.

Emma R. Meader, Sibley.

Evelyn Parke, Moville.

Ella R. Coe, Sac City.

Amanda Swick, Boone.

Anna Kistner, Waterloo.

Kate McCurdy, Hazelton.

Kittie B. Gay, Davenport.

Anna Larkins, Iowa City.	Laura B. Walker, Marion.
Anna Lattimer, Newton.	Susie Carter, Monroe.
Lettie Hanger, Des Moines.	Mary W. Bixby, Des Moines.
Inez Sherman, Co. Bluffs.	Abbie Hanley, Tabor.
Matilda Smith, Bedford.	Ella Smith, Greenfield.
Flora E. Pond.	Mira O. McFarland, Chariton.
Laura Kitchen, Mt. Pleasant.	Ella M. Thomas, Keokuk.

Department Special Aides.

Georgie Wade McClellan, Denison.	Jennie Whedon, Winterset.
Helen R. Griffith, Cedar Falls.	Ray M. Hanchett, Waverly.
Christine Snyder Romans, Denison.	Sarah Fox, Muscatine.
Georgie Worker, Davenport.	Kate Hanchett, Waverly.
Mira L. Parker, Des Moines.	Ida M. Smyth, Chariton
Jennie Iowa Berry, Cedar Rapids.	Nettie Guild, Fort Dodge.
Frederica Philpot, Dubuque.	Mary Gantz, Burlington.
Estella Plopper, Iowa Falls.	Olivia Talcott, Maynard.
Lena T. Ring, Cedar Rapids.	Celia Holman, Mason City.
Marie L. Basham, Des Moines.	Camilla Hall, Woodbine.
Mary A. Brown, Wyoming.	Nettie Brown, Council Bluffs.

Department Aides.

Margaret Stover	337	Emma Brown	225
Lydia W. Nott.....	126	Eliza Chambers	324
Elizabeth Saunders	37	Anna Visnow	245
Florence Davie	210	Mary Fuller	82
Belle F. Bryte	250	Alice Appelgate	111
Julia I. Jennings.....	264	Maude Sperlin	310
Alice F. Gillett.....	178	Addie St. John.....	289
Luella Gilmore	214	Jennie Reed	255

An Aide in every Corps is earnestly desired. It will be the especial duty of the Aide to quicken an interest in the work, to promote the spirit of love and harmony, to guard against loss of membership by suspension through indifference or lack of proper notification; to work to secure the re-instatement of the suspended, to serve as a vigilant and active recruiting officer; to help crown the year's work with a membership of 12,000 loyal, patriotic women at its close.

The following appointments are announced:

Secretary—Alice Cooper, Council Bluffs.

Inspector—Carrie I. Netcott, Independence.

Counselor—Sarah A. Fox, Muscatine.

I. and I. Officer—Elsie B. Wade, Akron.

Patriotic Instructor—Lu L. Schrack, Parkersburg.

Editress and Press Correspondent—Anna M. Kistner, Waterloo.

Chief of Staff—Addie E. Unangst, Davenport.

Relief Committee.

Chairman—Abbie Hanley, Tabor, 344.
 Emma S. Bennett, Lenox, 136.
 Sylvia A. Barger, Clarinda, 71.

Soldiers' Home Board.

Mary Hazard, Des Moines, No. 27.
 Margaret Hinman, Belmond, No. 148,
 Mae Pier, Dubuque, No. 37.
 Celia White, Marshalltown, No. 9.
 Amy C. Capron, East Des Moines, No. 24.

Further appointments and decisions of the thirtieth annual convention will appear in future orders.

Enclosed with these orders are:

The new Department password, which Corps Presidents will decipher, then please destroy.

Blanks for quarter ending June 30th. Corps Presidents will see that these blanks are properly filled out and mailed before July 5th to Alice Cooper, Department Secretary, 803 6th avenue, Council Bluffs, with the per capita tax enclosed, made payable to Cornelia T. Dodd, Department Treasurer, Algona.

Orders National Press Correspondent.

Letter from the Department President.

Elsie B. Wade, the Department I. and I. officer, Akron, will be glad to hear of any location favorable for the organization of new corps.

The thirtieth-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic elected as Commander Judge J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa. To the Commander, his staff and their great organization the Woman's Relief Corps send greetings and again pledge allegiance and loyalty to our noble cause.

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Dept. President.

ALICE COOPER,
Dept. Secretary

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF IOWA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, JULY 12, 1913.**

**GENERAL ORDERS
 NO. 2**

The following decisions of the Thirtieth Annual Convention are hereby promulgated:

No. 1. That our per capita tax remain unchanged,—ten cents per member per quarter, and that one-half cent per member each quarter be transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund.

No. 2. That District Conventions be continued under the supervision and direction of the Department President.

No. 3. That the Recognition Pin be given to the President of the Corps having the largest number of initiations during the year.

No. 4. That the Convention appropriate fifty dollars from the Relief Fund for Hattie Ehrmin, army nurse. That fifty dollars be given Georgia Wade McClellan, army nurse, and our esteemed co-worker to help bear her expenses to the Gettysburg Anniversary.

No. 5. That the Patriotic Instructor be not limited to twenty-five dollars, if the work required a greater expenditure.

No. 6. That twenty-five dollars be given as a testimonial to the retiring President.

No. 7. That the usual testimonial of ten dollars each be granted to the Convention Secretary, Musician and Janitor.

No. 8. That the Department of Iowa petition the Thirty-first National Convention, W. R. C., to amend Chapter II., Article VIII., Section VIII., Rules and Regulations by inserting at the beginning of the second paragraph the words: "She shall forward immediately after installation, her full name and address to Department Patriotic Instructor."

No. 9. That the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps acknowledge with deep appreciation the generous entertainment extended our Thirtieth Annual Convention by Iowa's capital city.

No. 10. That in token of the same, and of the work of those who have attended to the many details which made up a successful convention, an expression of thanks is hereby tendered as follows:

To the two Posts Grand Army of the Republic, and the two Woman's Relief Corps of Des Moines and the special committees thereof, who, by their untiring efforts have made our meeting one of marked success.

To the Des Moines Commercial Club for providing a commodious meeting place.

To the representatives of State, City and Organizations, who have given us so cordial a welcome.

To the citizens for the use of automobiles for our comfort and pleasure.

To the owners of the sweet voices who by their music added much to the impressiveness of our flag presentation and memorial service.

To the press of the city which has accorded liberal space to the reports of our meetings; to the mercantile firms who have presented us with pretty and useful souvenirs of the week.

To all our Convention Officers and workers through whose faithful and perfect service our convention was carried to a successful conclusion, and to all others who have given their time and talent to the same good end.

No. 11. That all unfinished business including reading of the minutes of the closing session be referred to the retiring Council.

Other decisions, if any, will be announced in further General Orders.

Report of Soldiers' Home show:	
Number of men in the Home.....	753
Number of women in the Home.....	302

Total number in Home.....	1055
Number of men in the Hospital.....	133
Number of women in the Hospital.....	34

Total in all.....	1222
Number buried in cemetery.....	1566

Donations of cushions of washable material, filled with cotton are needed for the old soldiers' use at the Home, and jellies will also be gratefully accepted.

The Department Treasurer reports financial status June 30, 1913, as follows:

Balance in General Fund.....	\$3,646.02
Balance in Relief Fund.....	312.81
Cash expended for relief during the year.....	\$1,738.27
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	4,052.14
Total number of persons assisted during the year.....	2,150

Consolidated reports to the National Secretary for quarter ending June 30, 1913, show the following:

Total number of Corps in good standing.....	204
Number of Corps delinquent.....	1
Number of Corps disbanded.....	6

Loss by death 189 members. Included in this number was Past National President, Mary Sears McHenry, Past Department President, Eleanor J. Hawk, and Past Department Chaplain Louise H. Arey. Total number of members in good standing..... 11,322

The following Aides are hereby appointed on the staff of the Department President:

	No.		No.
Martha Adams.....	129	Jennie L. Frank.....	337
Susan McGuire.....	281	Elizabeth Aisten.....	283
Mamie Anderson.....	242	Sue Wentz.....	111
Catharine Curley.....	351	Alice Merlien.....	14
Mary Lias.....	245	Nellie Feese.....	314
Nina Sims.....	189	Annie E. Brown.....	206
Ella Bronson.....	15	Margaret Hinman.....	148
Mary E. Woodford.....	166	Lottie Leonard.....	309
Delia Mannel.....	227	Lue Flewwelling.....	286
Sarah First.....	4	Ella Gingrich.....	153
Angie Dunlap.....	71	Josephine Lane.....	299
Louisa Clark.....	256	Flora Thorson.....	55
Alice Ratekin.....	250	Mary Millitt.....	122
Nettie Ward.....	38	Anna V. Coles.....	33
Laura Boysen.....	244	Eva Kutzer.....	108
Ella Stokes.....	15	Mary Murbarger.....	277
Flora A. Nott.....	105	Nellie Garriott.....	201
Elizabeth Carter.....	29	Louise Hannan.....	355
Nellie J. Hazard.....	349	Izetta Shaffer.....	60
Sarah Tiffany	281	Minnie L. Norris.....	177

Anna C. Fay.....	26	Emma Morrison.....	21
Sallie Varga.....	206	Isophena Carpenter.....	74
Corrina P. Davie.....	278	Jennie Trzcinski.....	58
Laura Belle Walker.....	11	Adelia Giffen.....	106
Martha Ingram.....	201	Stella Bardwell.....	130
Nellie H. Witmer.....	3	Hattie L. Gilbert.....	208
May E. Jones.....	27	Lula Belle Esher.....	153
Mary Abraham.....	33	Ella Mawhor.....	314
Sue Browning.....	122	Fannie Wade.....	80
Matilda Smith.....	82	Ada G. Sherwood.....	46
Lydia Chandler.....	38	Clara Wilkins.....	82
Etta Holdridge.....	283	Ida Van Hon.....	33
Bertha Leach.....	293	May Frederick.....	104
Esther Spencer.....	180	Jennie Maxwell.....	225
May McDonald.....	323	Mary Manifold.....	136
Agnes Stram.....	62	Louise M. Gilliland.....	46
Anna W. Buck.....	140	S. E. Chiles.....	71
Alice M. Davis.....	283	Effie Craig.....	196
Kate Livingston.....	287	Jennie Snyder.....	332
Mary Arnold.....	224	Eva Willetts.....	113
Nellie McDonald.....	232	Emma Wilson.....	73
Martha Murphy.....	348	Viola Jones.....	330
Anna Belcher.....	269	Mary Penfield.....	30
Mary L. Johnson.....	321	Annetta Wells.....	5
Rose L. Harmon.....	307	Ella Bedell.....	112
Carrie Davidson.....	10	Jennie Reed.....	255
Mattie Martin.....	9	Ella Hullinger.....	312
Mattie French.....	81	Amber Mackie.....	7
Elizabeth Brough.....	327	Emily Vanderpool.....	215
Hannah Hathaway.....	194	Clara Selye.....	2
Lena Peters.....	210	Araminta Butler.....	50
Evelyn E. Parke.....	339	Julia Fairchilds.....	103
Naomi Bradley.....	251	Jennie Anderson.....	18
Lizzie Keckley.....	264	Phoebe Walker.....	123
Katie Poobaugh.....	294	Lauretta Cowles.....	134
Alice Kline.....	161	Lizzie Brown.....	200
Julia Holmes.....	48	Mary Smith.....	12
Edith S. Sill.....	144	Jennie Lockwood.....	102
Margaret Russell.....	222	Emma Neufind.....	230
Irene Trobaugh.....	344	Marie Willet.....	136
Eva Durst.....	45	Charlena Seidler.....	117
Mary Tuttle.....	216	Flora E. Brian.....	251
Nellie Busby.....	141	Ella Conklin.....	221
Cora Mahuran.....	73	Mary E. Leming.....	24
Ella G. Herber ⁺	27	Anna Sutherland.....	147
Nettie Leonard.....	353	Mary Boettcher.....	34
Ella M. Thomas	100	Ida M. Haas.....	216

Others wishing to be added to this band of workers, will please send in their names at once, and they will be placed on the list

Department Aides are reminded of the Fund of One Hundred Dollars from which appropriations can be made for the purpose of initia-

tions, re-instituting or sustaining membership of old soldiers in the G. A. R.

In recognition of meritorious efforts to strengthen the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps the Department President will award a Recognition Pin to the Aide securing the greatest gain in membership either by initiation or re-instatement from suspension; or through formation of new Corps.

Aides will be expected to report at least once each quarter to Department-Chief-of-Staff Addie E. Unangst, Davenport, or to the Department President. Commissions will be sent to all Aides who notify headquarters of acceptance of appointment. Aide badges may be procured of Department Treasurer. Price, 40 cents.

The first General Orders of the Department Commander of G. A. R., and Division Commander Sons of Veterans have been received at this office, for which this Department extends thanks and again pledges loyalty and support to these patriotic organizations.

National General Orders No. 7, announcing the National Encampment at Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 15 to 20, will accompany these Orders. Further information in reference to National Convention will appear in future orders.

Our deep sense of gratitude is hereby acknowledged for many letters of congratulations and good wishes for the administration.

Our hearty appreciation is expressed for the prompt response of Presidents in suggesting names of Aides, whose interest in our noble cause bespeaks a prosperous growth.

By Command of

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa. Woman's Relief Corps.
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 14, 1913.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 3.

The important duty of Inspection of Corps draws near. September, October and November is the time designated by Rules and Regulations. Upon the commendation of the Department Inspector, whose circular letter is enclosed, the following Assistant Inspectors with assignments are hereby announced.

Assistant Inspector.

Department President, Mattie E. Witter, Council Bluffs—72, 108, 325, 216, 38, 20, 14, 144, 11, 126, 3, 4, 34, 24, 27, 117, 71, 264, 102, 128, 33, 122, 62, 314, 158, 180, 56, 225, 178, 60, 312.

Department Secretary, Alice Cooper, Council Bluffs—230, 283, 210, 33, 122, 62, 314, 158, 180, 56, 225, 178, 60.

76, 100, 95, 355.

Department Junior-Vice-President, Mary A. Tuttle, Greenfield—136, 82, 2.

Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp, Chariton—277, 206, 167.
Department Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd, Algona—163, 308, 287, 349.
Department Inspector, Carrie I. Netcott, Independence—78, 45, 221, 152, 336, 299, 37.
Department Counselor, Sarah A. Fox, Muscatine—21, 134, 327, 43, 263.
Department I. & I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade, Akron—166, 55, 39, 181.
Department Patriotic Instructor, Lu L. Schrack, Parkersburg—81, 303, 48, 19, 9.
Department Editress and Press Corr't., Anna M. Kistner, Waterloo—153, 279, 73, 103, 276.
Department Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst, Davenport—10, 253, 269, 124, 212.
Chairman of Executive Board, Mary E. Snyder, Des Moines—242, 341, 344.
Second Member of Board, Lennie Pickett, Marshalltown—335, 234, 130.
Third Member of Board, Emma Sheetz, Williamsburg—88, 338, 208, 202.
Fourth Member of Board, Margaret E. Meyers, Missouri Valley—310, 293, 111.
Fifth Member of Board, Elizabeth Beal, Belle Plaine—42, 171.
Past National President, Jenny I. Berry, Cedar Rapids—334, 281, 15, 26.
Past Department President, Christine Snyder Romans, Denison—201, 75, 112, 321.
Past Department President, Georgia B. Worker, Davenport—29, 258, 89, 101.
Past Department President, Fredrica Philpot, Cedar Falls—127, 83, 190, 192.
Past Department President, Estella E. Plopper, Iowa Falls—99, 194, 184, 30.
Past Department President, Lena T. Ring, Cedar Rapids—109, 224, 351, 220.
Past Department President, Marie L. Basham, Des Moines—98, 12, 18, 251, 147.
Past Department President, Jennie Whedon, Winterset—322, 196, 141, 140, 183.
Past Department President, Ray M. Hanchett, Waverly—339, 165, 87, 80, 353.
Jean Tompkins, Clear Lake—297, 215, 307, 289.
Carrie Johnson, Waterloo—228, 244.
Ida M. Smyth, Chariton—32, 330, 222.
Lizzie Sturges, Sioux City—245, 7, 271, 189.
Corrina P. Davie, Newell—256, 105, 203.
Emma Harper, Osceola—17, 154.
Mary Jones, Des Moines—6, 28.
Inez Keifer, Hazelton—61, 164, 90.
Gertrude Anderson, Marion—129, 64, 41, 58.
Matilda Smith, Bedford—250, 324, 312.
Abbie Hanley, Tabor—104, 205, 214.
May Pier, Dubuque—123, 257, 69.
Ardell Duncan, Edgewood—106, 254, 46.
Mary Hazard, Des Moines—170, 286, 138.
Mary F. O'Brien, Independence—74, 255, 277, 148.
Mary Bixby, Des Moines—332, 267, 323.
Stella Homrig, Mason City—143, 116, 21.

Belle Senn, Fort Dodge—113, 243, 278, 161, 329.
 Flora E. Pond, Oskaloosa—177, 5, 294.
 Anna Wilcox, Boone—50, 309, 110, 295.
 Lizzie Bunger, Des Moines—207, 348.
 Amanda Swick, Boone—347, 337.
 Cornelia Fisher, Odebolt—200, 232, 261, 150.

It is desired that the greatest possible benefit may be derived from the visit of the Inspectors. Corps will put forth special effort to prepare to exemplify the work in the most thorough and creditable manner and have books in readiness for the Inspecting Officer.

District Conventions will be held during the months of September, October and November as follows:

	Location and Corps No.	Date.
1st District	New Hampton, 60	October 14th
2nd District	Mason City, 72	October 15th
3rd District	Humboldt, 108	October 9th
4th District	Hawarden, 325	October 7th
5th District	Woodbine, 216	October 17th
6th District	Audubon, 38	October 2nd
7th District	Fort Dodge, 20	October 10th
8th District	Parkersburg, 14	November 21st
9th District	Independence, 144	November 20th
10th District	Wyoming, 4	November 14th
11th District	Marion, 126	November 18th
12th District	Newton, 3	October 21st
13th District	Winterset, 117	September 30th
14th District	Clarinda, 71	October 28th
15th District	Osceola, 102	November 4th
16th District	Sigourney, 128	October 23rd
17th District	Mt. Pleasant, 33	November 6th

Every member in the Department should plan and arrange to attend one or more of these District Conventions, and take an active interest in the work, and make these conventions veritable and practical schools of instruction. Corps Presidents should see that their delegates are provided with a complete report of the year's work from convention to convention.

The following names are added to the staff of the Department President:

Esther Davis	257	Cora Holton	325
Rachael Whitney	336	Rachael Chamberlain	167
Elizabeth Ruggles	116	Emma Meader	39
Lida Corbin	101	Ethel Hayden	295
Kate Bacon	212	Genieva Clark	164
Nellie Newell	243	Laura Eddy	276
Sarah Meyers	80	Lizzie Mackey	88
Mary Kenderdine	254	Anna Leonard	234
Arminta Ford	6	Estella Townsend	322
Pearl Spencer	76	Martha Tripp	64
Eliza J. Mitchell.....	330	Florence Ballentyne	127
Louise Adler	45	Minerva Sloan	69
R. J. Kuhnes	41	Virginia Underwood	163
Addie Gibbons	161	Emma Smith	338
Kate Eno	297	May Flynn	202

Abbie Rowe	158	Abagail Runkle	19
Lizzie Sturges	87	Effie Owen	171
Araminta Snyder	28	Susie Carter	138
Lizzie Bishop	154	Lucy G. Bond	56
Anna Hughes	109	Ida Boynton	335
Rosa J. Terrill	128	Harriet Huckins	121
Amanda Sharp	308	Emmie Willey	220
Nellie Lain	263	Clara C. Weldin	154
Jennie Sayre	207	Esther Lloyd	347
Millie Downs	190	Mary Hiatt	341
Josie Kaley	228	Grace Gilchrist	32
Emeline Thompson	279	Emily Kerr	42
Jessie Atherton	150	Anna Hughes	43
Amy Bennett	98	Addie Fay	61
Nancy Taylor	98	May Sargent	75
Sarah E. Townsend	200	Martha Schug	89
Orynthia Booé	205	Mae Feustal	95
Lucela Melvin	271	Jennie Davenport	110
Cornelia McGrew	283	Eliza Furgason	124
Myrtus Crase	267	Bee Schermerhorn	143
Elnora Emboden	194	Nina Hagadone	183
Addie Conners	72	Kate Akins	152
Emma L. Harper	102	Josie Gurins	253
Lucy F. Beckman	163	Ella Irvine	203
Jennie Coats	170	Almeda Taylor	192
Kate McCurdy	334	Marietta Davis	181

It is the desire of the Department President that each Corps shall be honored by one appointment and that through the zealous efforts of Aides each Corps will gain at least one member per quarter.

Roll of Honor.

The following Corps are highly commended for gain of six members or more during the quarter.

Corps	Location	Corps No.	No. Members Gained
Phil Kearney	Oskaloosa	286	9
Abe Lincoln	Council Bluffs	180	8
J. C. Ferguson	Knoxville	170	9
Shelby Norman	Muscatine	122	17
T. J. Potter	Creston	141	6
Ben Paul	Wyoming	4	7
Robt. Anderson	Waterloo	15	8
Iseminger	Chariton	17	7
Kinsman	E. Des Moines	24	8
Crocker	Des Moines	27	14
August Wentz	Davenport	34	11
Tracy	Guthrie Center	207	8

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

As announced from National Headquarters the Forty-seventh National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Chattanooga Tennessee, the week beginning September 15th, 1913.

At the same time and the same place the Thirty-first National Convention of the Womans' Relief Corps will convene. Full partic-

ulars of the same will appear in the National General Orders No. 8 which accompany these orders.

Headquarters of the Department of Iowa Womans' Relief Corps will be established at Eastern Hotel, directly opposite the Hotel Patton, Headquarters of the National, in rooms 419 and 405, where the Department Officers, Chief of Staff Addie E. Unangst, assisted by the Department Aides will be pleased to greet all members of the order, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, and all kindred organizations, and all friends of the order. Delegates who are unable to attend this convention will please notify these headquarters at once, that Alternates may be notified in time to fill vacancies. Credential cards will be mailed to all entitled to receive them. All delegates and visiting members are reminded of the necessity of obtaining the National Password from their Corps Presidents before leaving home.

As there will be no official train out of Iowa, all going can use the most convenient route to Chicago where the Iowa Special G. A. R. and W. R. C. train consisting of standard and tourist sleepers and day coaches, will leave Chicago Central Station, Lake Front and Twelfth street, at 7 p. m., Monday, September 15th, by way of the Big Four (N. Y. Central lines) and Queen and Crescent Route, passing through Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington, through the blue grass region of Kentucky, arriving at Chattanooga, Tuesday, 12 noon. Commander Willett and his staff are expecting to take this train, also your Department President and party are likewise planning to go by this special, and will be greatly pleased to have the largest possible delegation join them. Further information will be found in the Department Commander's circular letter which will accompany these orders.

Since the above arrangements have been made by the Department of Iowa Womans' Relief Corps for through standard sleeper, leaving Des Moines at 9 p. m. via Rock Island lines, those not provided and desiring sleeper reservations will notify at once or apply to City Passenger Agent, Rock Island Ry., Des Moines.

Quarterly Reports will accompany these orders. To err is human, to strive for perfection is noble. Let us with renewed zeal work for perfect and prompt reports and save expense of notices and corrections. **Return in the self addressed envelope** two secretaries and two treasurers' reports with draft or money order **made payable to the order of Cornelia T. Dodd, Department Treasurer, Algona, Iowa**, on or before 5th of October. Corps Presidents will please see that blanks are properly filled; that the amount of per capita tax correspond with the number of members in good standing; that secretaries' and treasurers' reports agree, and summaries and balances are correctly given.

The Department Executive Board have elected Mary E. Snyder of Des Moines and Emma Sheetz of Williamsburg to act as Auditing Committee.

Department Headquarters and Department Treasurers' office will be closed from September 10th to September 25th. Corps desiring supplies will order at once.

A cloth coat was left at Department Convention. Write to Zena Gifford, 2108 Woodland Ave., Des Moines, for information concerning the same.

IN MEMORIAM

"In the midst of life we are in death." Fifty-nine members of the Womans' Relief Corps have been called from the lessons of F. C. and L. to the presence of the Great Commander during the quarter. Our beloved Past Department President, Helen R. Griffith, has been called upon to pass under the rod of affliction in the loss of her dear husband her life companion. The sympathy of the Department is extended to these so sorely bereaved. The sympathy is also extended to the friends of Alice Pettit, one of our esteemed Past Department officers who died in January last. Through an omission, mention of her death was not previously made.

The sad intelligence has just reached us that the Grim Reaper has again been in our midst and culled one of our lovely treasures. Our dear Past Department President, 1910-11, Jennie Whedon of Winterset, Iowa, was stricken with apoplexy and died August 21, 1913. As we recall her genial presence at the State Convention, the message comes with a great shock. Sharing the love of all, her loss is felt throughout the state. Many hearts are bowed in grief. The sympathy of the Department goes out to the sorrowing family and friends.

"Knowledge by suffering entereth,

.And life is perfected by death."

Her words, her deeds, her smiles beckon us on.

By command of

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

Alice Cooper,
Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 1st, 1913.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 4

I. Since issuing last General Orders, the Thirty-first National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps met at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

To the newly-elected President, Ida S. McBride, of Indiana, and her staff of officers, Iowa extends greetings and best wishes for a successful advancement of the growth and principles of the W. R. C.

II. To Iowa, came the honor of the office of National Inspector, in the appointment of Marie L. Basham, Des Moines. Details of the Convention will appear in the report herein enclosed of Delegate-at-Large, Flora E. Pond, Oskaloosa.

THANKSGIVING

III. Thanksgiving, with its opportunities for service, approaches. In the midst of good cheer, the presence of friends, and abundant

blessings, grateful hearts should over-flow in kindly thoughts and deeds.

We should especially remember those whose valorous deeds, cemented our nation in unity and peace.

Lay plans NOW for the comfort and pleasure of the aged veterans; their widows and orphans; the sick and needy, and our honored army nurses; and share with them the joys of generous gifts and kindly attentions. Jellies, fruits, cushions with washable covers, and quilt pieces are always gladly received at the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, and are especially needed NOW.

Corps will please report gifts to Department Secretary and thereby receive credit for same in General Orders.

IV. Since last General Orders were issued, there have been mailed to those entitled to receive them:

Department Journals of the Thirtieth Annual Convention.

National General Orders No. 8.

National General Orders No. 9.

National Credential Cards.

Order of Business for District Convention.

National General Orders No. 1.

National Pass Word in sealed envelopes.

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT

V. Consolidated Report to the National Secretary for the quarter ending September 30th gives the following summary:

Number of Corps in good standing.....	204
Number of Corps delinquent.....	0
Number of members in good standing.....	11,283
Number reinstated by delinquent reports.....	64
Number of members suspended.....	266
Cash expended for relief.....	\$320.87
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	\$654.71
Total number of persons assisted.....	256

VI. Our suspended list shows room for work. Department Aides, and each, dear sister of the Order, what can you do personally to help restore these members to good standing?

Perhaps from you, a thoughtful act or reminding word is needed. This suspended list re-instated would help much.

VII. Since closing report to National Secretary, we rejoice to announce that a new corps, Gen. Sheridan No. 356 was instituted at I. S. H. Marshalltown by the Department President and I. and I. officer, with the following elective officers: President, Emma Gould; Sr. Vice President, Hattie Brobst; Jr. Vice President, Anna Bentley; Treasurer, Janette Todd; Chaplain, Sophia Wilcox; Secretary, Emma L. Steen.

To this energetic and enthusiastic band of women, the Department sends greetings and best wishes.

ROLL OF HONOR

VIII. The following corps are commended for a gain of six or more in membership during the quarter:

Name	Number	Location	Gain
Garrett	3	Newton	9
Henry Howard	89	Strawberry Pt.	6

A. M. Taylor	95	Wapello	8
Marvin Mills	106	Central City	10
Henry Seibert	212	Wilton Junction	6
Vanderburg	308	Estherville	10
G. W. Nelson	334	Hazleton	6
P. Van Norman	339	Moville	7

IX. Press correspondents are urged to send items of interest to the Department Press Correspondent who will forward them to the Grand Army Advocate, Long Beach, California. We feel the need of an official organ in our State.

ELECTION

X. In accordance with Rules and Regulations, the election of Corps Officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in December, or at a special meeting, if necessary, to conclude the election. Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention at Burlington shall be elected at the same time. Each Corps is entitled to at least one delegate and one alternate.

Corps having seventy-five members and a final fraction of more than one-half of that number are entitled to two delegates and two alternates.

Members six months in arrears for dues are not entitled to vote or hold office.

Choose well your officers. Consider fitness for the office to be filled.

Respect the choice of the majority and give all elected officers your loyal support.

The newly elected officers will select their Installing Officer, at once, and notify the Department Secretary of the same.

XI. A few Department Journals remain. Those desiring may secure a copy by enclosing eight cents for postage to the Department Secretary.

XII. We hereby acknowledge with thanks receipt of General Orders No. 4 from Sons of Veterans.

IN MEMORIAM

The news of the death of Past Department President Jennie Whedon came as a great shock while the last general orders were in press. With the announcement the command to drape charters was omitted. We feel sure this mark of respect was properly observed, as we desire it should be.

With sorrow we report the loss by death of forty-five members. Among these an honored Army Nurse, Sarah Hannah Brown of Griffith Corps, No. 281 Oelwein.

Grief entered the home of two of our past department officers:—Corinne P. Davie mourns the loss of a devoted husband. Lu L. Shrack, without a moment's warning was called to part with a niece, esteemed as a daughter. To the sorrowing friends the Department extends sympathy.

By Command of
MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 5, 1913.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 5.

"Through the glorious star-lit dome of heaven
Rang a beautiful angel chime.
You know the story, the sweet old story,
The story of Christmas time.
You know how the wonderful song went thrilling
Out, out o'er a slumbering earth;
The song of good-will and the song of glory;
On the night of our Savior's birth."

We welcome this season of hallowed associations, and join in the glad refrain: "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace and Good-Will toward Men."

May this Christmas-tide with its sacred memories bring to each member of our Order a message of love and peace and each one receive a larger vision of how to bring cheer and material help to the veterans and their widows and orphans, and to our noble army nurses, at this blessed Christmas tide.

To our honored veterans and all members of the W. R. C. we wish "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

2. Remember our Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown with washable covered cushions, jellies and other acceptable gifts. Address boxes to C. C. Horton, Commandant Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Corps are reminded of the Orphans' Home at Davenport, and urged to make the usual contributions early of suitable gifts for the young, such as books, hair-ribbons, mittens, caps, gloves, scarfs, hoods and other useful articles, also contributions of money to provide entertainment for the children. Let us assist in bringing Christmas cheer to these dear children. Address boxes to F. J. Sessions, Superintendent of Soldiers Orphans' Home, Davenport, Iowa.

Write plainly the name and address of the sender, that gifts may be acknowledged.

Corps will please report to Department Secretary all contributions sent to Marshalltown or Davenport, stating the value of each, that credit may be given in General Orders.

3. All District Conventions have been held. It was the great pleasure of your Department President to attend each of these seventeen conventions. The many courtesies and expressions of good-will received were appreciated, and helped to inspire and strengthen her labors in the promotion of the work and will be long remembered. It is expected beneficial results will come from these meetings. Zealous efforts have been inspired, as local Corps have striven to exemplify the ritualistic work in the most excellent manner. All District Conventions have been located for the coming year, for which the Department President expresses her gratitude. Annual Inspections have also been held—and we believe with great profit to the Corps. The Department President and Department Inspector hereby tender their thanks to all Assistant Inspectors who have given their time and best efforts to help in the work.

4. With these Orders are Quarterly Report Blanks for the quarter ending December 31, 1913. Also two forms N, two Election Returns, and one Blank Treasurer's Bond.

Corps Presidents are earnestly requested to personally see that immediately after the last meeting in December the Quarterly Report Blanks are accurately filled out in every particular and sent at once to these headquarters with per capita tax enclosed, payable to Cornelie T. Dodd, Department Treasurer, Algona, Iowa. Every Quarterly Report should be at headquarters on or before January 1st, 1914.

5. Installation of officers will take place at the first regular meeting in January or at a special meeting called for the purpose. Joint installation with the Post is recommended. Use the opportunity. It is a privilege to be appreciated. Extend an invitation to the Sons of Veterans.

6. Treasurer's Bond must be accepted by vote of the Corps before installation.

Corps Election Return Blanks must be filled out immediately after installation by the retiring Secretary and properly attested by the retiring President, the Installing Officers and newly installed President.

Give full name and address of all officers, and the exact place and time, whether afternoon or evening, of holding Corps meetings. Immediately after installation the Installing Officer shall forward one copy to the Department Secretary and one copy to the Department I. and I. Officer, Elsie B. Wade, Akron, Iowa. The Roll Call of Department Convention, mailing list and Roster are compiled from the information on these blanks. It is therefore very important that these blanks be filled with care and completeness.

By command of

MATTIE E. WITTER,

Department President.

ALICE COOPER,

Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa, Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 1, 1914.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 6.

In this the first General Orders of the new year, fraternal greetings are extended to all newly elected Presidents and Officers, and we wish for them a most prosperous and happy year. By a majority vote you represent the choice of your Corps. We feel assured you will promptly and justly discharge all duties devolving upon you with enthusiasm and pleasure and with the co-operation of each member by regular attendance, your efforts of the year will be crowned with gratifying success.

To the Retiring Officers we express our sincere appreciation for faithful service of the past, also for the many courtesies shown the Department Officers, and trust you will give of your rich experience the needed assistance for the promotion of harmony and good will.

By National Report of June 20, 1913, Iowa Department stand fourth in rank of membership, with a gain of 192 over 1912. The National shows a gain of 1,503—a total membership of 142,026.

Condition of the Department.

Consolidated Report to National Headquarters, December 31, 1913, shows the following:

Cash expended for relief	\$ 534.46
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	\$1,697.55
Total number of Corps delinquent	0
Total numbers of Corps organized	1
Total number of Corps disbanded	3
Number of Corps in good standing.....	202
Members in good standing.....	11,505

We regret the disbandment of Corps No. 255, No. 310 and No. 225. With pleasure we report to National the organization of No. 356 of which mention was made in previous General Orders, and are pleased with its growth in membership since receiving charter.

Roll of Honor.

Corps that have made a membership gain of six or more during the quarter by initiation and re-instatement:

Corps No.	Location	Gain	Corps No.	Location	Gain
3	Newton	40	356	Marshalltown	6
15	Waterloo	21	24	East Des Moines	6
38	Audubon	16	33	Mt. Pleasant	8
102	Osceola	18	95	Wapello	14
126	Marion	11	106	Central City.....	6
192	Nashua	7	170	Knoxville	6
250	Shenandoah	8	207	Guthrie Center	10
278	Newell	6	263	Bloomfield	11
286	Oskaloosa	9	281	Oelwein	13
307	Osage	10	287	Spencer	6
			327	South Ottumwa.....	7

Appreciation and thanks of the Department are tendered the aides for working so earnestly and with such good results for the Corps membership. The aides were appointed by the present administration and time extends from June, 1913, to June, 1914. The promised gold recognition pin will be forthcoming to the aide who reports the greatest number gained by June 1st.

Inquiries have come to this office in regard to the duties of aides. We will take this opportunity of responding. Aides will find their duties defined in Chapter III, Article VI, Section XIII. To be selected as an aide is an expression of personal regard of your department president and a recognition of your ability to serve the W. R. C. with credit. It is especially desired that aides should interest themselves in organizing new corps in favorable places, near their own localities, also to help strengthen and encourage weak or discouraged corps, besides such other help as can be given in their own corps.

Who is the aide that will thus honor herself by organizing a new corps within the coming quarter?

Our standing in National Report for the year 1914 will be based upon the results of the quarter ending March 31st, and this should be a special incentive to advance Iowa in her rank.

Roll of Honor for the Year 1913.

Unless otherwise notified the gold recognition pin offered by the Department Convention to the President of the Corps initiating the largest number during the year 1913 will be awarded with pleasure to Anna M. Kistner, President of Robt. Anderson W. R. C., No. 15, of Waterloo, who has the honor of having initiated thirty-five members.

Honorary mention is made of the following Corps gaining ten or more initiates during the year 1913:

Corps No.	Where Located	Initiated 1913	Corps No.	Where Located	Initiated 1913
15	Waterloo	35	87	Sioux City.....	12
281	Oelwein	29	102	Osceola	12
27	Des Moines	28	286	Oskaloosa	12
170	Knoxville	23	4	Wyoming	11
24	Des Moines	21	74	Clear Lake.....	11
122	Muscatine	21	99	Webster City....	11
307	Osage	20	128	Sigourney	11
38	Audubon	20	308	Estherville	11
141	Creston	18	6	Grinnell	10
9	Marshalltown ..	16	89	Strawberry Pt...	10
327	South Ottumwa..	16	171	Marengo	10
32	Centerville	15	194	Eagle Grove.....	10
34	Davenport	15	207	Guthrie Center..	10
166	Ireton	15	245	Akron	10
349	Marathon	15	261	Rockwell City...	10
216	Woodbine	13	299	Dubuque	10
33	Mt. Pleasant....	13	336	Lamont	10
11	Cedar Rapids....	12	355	Columbus Jct....	10
72	Mason City.....	12			

Donations to Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown:

Corps No.	Donation Description	Amount
4	Wyoming, pillow covers, quilt cover, jellies.....	\$13.00
11	Cedar Rapids, cushions.....	8.00
17	Chariton, cushions.....	15.00
37	Dubuque, jellies.....	15.00
38	Audubon, cushions.....	15.00
39	Sibley, canned fruit jellies, quilts, quilt pieces.....	8.00
58	Decorah, jellies, preserves.....	5.00
62	Burlington, quilt pieces.....	1.50
72	Mason City, supplies.....	6.00
76	Ft. Madison, 100 glasses of jelly.....	10.00
78	Iowa City, supplies.....	10.00
102	Osceola, jellies.....	2.00
108	Humboldt, jellies, cushions.....	6.50
202	Riverside, box of supplies.....	6.00
216	Woodbine, fruit, jellies.....	8.40
222	Russell, supplies.....	6.00
227	Britt, fruit, jellies, cushions.....	7.75
244	Grundy Center, cushions, jellies.....	6.75
245	Akron, cash	5.00
251	Jefferson, cushions, jellies.....	20.00
254	Lisbon, pillows, fruit, jellies, quilt pieces.....	18.00

258	Edgewood, cushions and covers, jellies, quilt pieces	5.00
278	Newell, cushions, lunch cloths, quilt pieces	10.00
281	Oelwein, cushions	6.50
283	Logan, cushions, jellies, quilt pieces	15.00
297	Northwood, cushions	8.22
332	Adel, jellies	9.50
355	Columbus Junction, barrel of fruit	30.00

Donations to Orphans' Home, Davenport:

Corps

No.

11	Cedar Rapids, cash	\$5.00
34	Davenport, caps, ties, ribbons	5.00
37	Dubuque, handkerchiefs	2.20
50	Scranton, cash	1.00
62	Burlington, cash	5.00
89	Strawberry Point, cash	5.00
202	Riverside, box of gifts	6.00
227	Britt, hair ribbons, handkerchiefs, caps, games, candy	3.50
245	Akron, cash	5.00
281	Oelwein, handkerchiefs, hair ribbons	2.00
349	Marathon, cash	1.00
355	Columbus Junction, gifts	5.00

Corps not reported please notify Headquarters.

Army Nurses.

A request has come for information regarding the number of army nurses that are present members of Corps in our Department. If Corps having army nurses as members will please forward names of the same to Department Headquarters the favor will be greatly appreciated.

There are a number of Department Journals of the Thirtieth Annual Convention at Headquarters. Corps members can secure these by forwarding seven cents for mailing purposes; also, Journals of the Thirty-first National, held at Chattanooga, requiring fifteen cents postage. As soon as reports are all in and the mailing list completed the national printer will forward journals to all entitled to receive them. Those sent to the presidents are to be considered corps property and expected to remain in possession of the corps for future use.

The new rituals are now in the hands of the Department Treasurer, Cornelia T. Dodd, Algona.

The New Roster.

Corps are asking for the new roster. All installation returns have not yet been received. We are anxiously waiting for these reports to get roster in readiness for the printer.

All orders for supplies should be made on regular requisition blanks and addressed to Cornelia T. Dodd, Department Treasure, Algona, Iowa.

Since last General Orders were issued there have been mailed from these Headquarters:

National General Orders No. 4.

National General Orders No. 5.

Patriotic Instructor Circular Letter No. 1.

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa will meet at Burlington June 16th, 17th and 18th. Further information will be given in future General Orders.

According to the decision of the Twenty-second National Convention a flag will be presented to a school at Burlington, where our annual convention will be held. We must not lose this opportunity of teaching patriotism to the young of our entertaining city. Corps are requested to send contributions for the flag to Cornelia T. Dodd, Department Treasurer, Algona, Iowa, not later than May 1st.

Observance of National Anniversaries.

The greatness of a nation depends upon the character of its citizens.

Noble men, women and children are the Nation's finest and enduring monuments.

The Woman's Relief Corps encourages the observance of McKinley's birthday, January 29; Lincoln's birthday, February 12th; Washington's, February 22; Grant's, April 27.

The observance of the birthdays of our national heroes offer beautiful examples of noble lives that inspire and strengthen our national life. High ideals stimulate pure patriotism. Let us fittingly observe each as earnestly urged by our Patriotic Instructor's Circular Letter No. 1.

With sorrow we report the loss by death of fifty-two members during the quarter.

Ruled by His sovereign hand
Each day's affairs remain;
Faith gives to sorrowing hearts
The balm of love for pain.

By Command of:

MATTIE E. WITTER,
Department President.

ALICE COOPER,
Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 25, 1914.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

"And I saw a phantom army come
With never a sound of fife or drum;
The men whose wasted figures fill
The patriot graves of the nation."

May 30th is the day set apart as our nation's sacred day for honoring our soldier-dead.

As an auxiliary to the noble army of men to whom is largely due the blessings of peace maintained in our land today, we count it a privilege to share in its proper observance.

With sympathetic interest Corps will do all they can to promote the spirit of keeping this day reserved for its hallowed associations of

respecting the memory of our martyred soldier-dead, and oppose the use of the day to any diversions that would detract from its solemnity and dignity of purpose. With renewed loyalty to the principles for which they sacrificed, we again will weave the garlands of fadeless green and beautiful flowers.

We commend the practice of placing a new fresh flag on each soldier's grave—mute testimony of their patriotic devotion and mute appeal to the youth of our land to love and service of country. Corps living adjacent to bodies of water may with appropriateness honor the memory of our sailor, soldier-dead. And to assist in this ceremony copies of "Tossing flowers on the billows" can be secured from Department Treasurer.

Those lying in nameless graves throughout our land are not to be forgotten. They live in our hearts and their deeds speak for them and that is not to die.

Respect for the day exalts patriotism and our school children should be encouraged to assist with flowers, song and recitations and as far as practicable to carry a small flag in the loving spirit of its defenders.

To our dear army nurses and to the comrades who survive, and to whom this day brings sad memories, we will show our tenderest attentions and honor them with the most beautiful flowers, bringing to them the message of renewed faith and hope that no sacrifice for country is made in vain.

Corps will attend service on memorial Sunday with the comrades as far as possible and observe the usual custom of presenting a flag to the Sunday school of the church extending the courtesy.

Corps should send the names of all deceased members to the Department Chaplain before June 1st, that no name may be overlooked in the memorial service.

Contributions for Southern Memorial Fund are needed. Corps are urged to make a generous and early response, to be sent to Department Treasurer Cornelius T. Dodd, Algona, Iowa.

Circular letter of Department Chaplain is enclosed. Corps Chaplains will fill out Form J immediately after observance of Memorial Day and forward to the Department Chaplain Nancy Clapp, of Chariton, not later than June 1st.

With sincere sorrow we announce the death of Past Department Commander Colonel Charles A. Clark, who died December 22, 1913, at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The sorrowing family has the sympathy of the entire Department.

By command of

MATTIE E. WITTER,

ALICE COOPER,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

Headquarters Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps.
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 1st, 1914.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 8.

I. As announced in previous General Orders, the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps. will be held at Burlington June 16-18, 1914, in the Presbyterian church on Fifth and Washington Streets.

II. Department Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and its Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, will be at Hotel Burlington, where rooms can be procured at rates of \$1.00 without and \$2.00 per day with bath and up.

III. Other Hotels, New Delano, \$1.00, \$1.50. Hotel Grove, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Union Hotel, American plan, \$2.00 per day. Dun's Hotel, American plan, \$1.25-\$1.50 per day; European plan, 50 cts.-75 cts. Wagner's Hotel, American plan, \$1.25 per day; European plan, 50 cts. per day.

IV. Good meals can be had at Restaurants, Y. M. C. A. and churches at reasonable prices.

V. Rooms can be procured in private homes at the usual price of 50 cts. each, with 25 cts. extra for breakfast.

VI. Those desiring rooms reserved will write to Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Della Allander, 520 South Tenth street.

VII. Committees will be in attendance at all trains and conduct visitors to General Information Bureau, where assignment of rooms and distribution of programs will take place; also assist in finding their quarters.

VIII. Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps will be established at Hotel Burlington June 16th in Parlors B and A, where the Department President and Staff, assisted by the Department Aides, will extend a cordial welcome to all visiting Comrades of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, and all Patriotic Orders, our own membership and all friends.

IX. Aides will kindly report for duty to Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst, Parlor B and C, upon arrival.

X. At 9:30 a. m. Monday, June 15, the Auditing Committee and Department Inspector will meet with the Secretary and Treasurer in room 324, to examine the books of the Department.

XI. The Department Council will meet in room 324 at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday, June 16.

XII. On Tuesday at 11 a. m. will occur the flag presentation to Prospect Hill School on Harrison avenue, under the supervision of Department Patriotic Instructor Lu L. Schrack.

XIII. On Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. in the Reception room on Mezzanine floor of Hotel Burlington, will be tendered a Reception by the Department of Iowa Woman's Relief Corps to Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner and Staff. The National President, Ida S. McBride, and all National and Past National Officers present, Department Commander Judge J. W. Willett and Staff of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans. A kindly invitation is extended to all patriotic societies and all friends to meet our honored guests.

XIV. Immediately after the Reception the Department Convention will be called to order in open session to present the Department Officers and to read the President's Report, and attend to such other business as is in keeping with an open session.

XV. A Reception and Campfire will be held in the Opera House Tuesday evening, June 16th, where the address of welcome and responses will be given. Also a Campfire on Wednesday evening in the Opera House. See program.

XVI. The Convention will be called to order Wednesday morning promptly at 9 o'clock. Let all officers be at their stations and all delegates in their seats at this hour. Visiting members will be cordially welcomed and seats reserved for them.

XVII. The voting membership of the Department convention is composed of all Department Officers, National President, Past National President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, in good standing, in their own Department, Past Department Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, Corps Presidents. Past Corps Presidents, and all regularly elected delegates or their alternate. Corps organized after January first will be represented by their President or Vice President, according to seniority.

XVIII. Credential cards are enclosed. Presidents will see they are properly filled and placed in the hands of those entitled to receive them.

XIX. All members attending Department Convention must be in possession of the Department password, procured from their own Corps Presidents.

XX. Credential Committee will be at Headquarters, Parlors B and A, Tuesday, June 16, and at the Congregational Church Wednesday, June 17, at 8:30 a. m., where delegates will register and receive their badges.

XXI. The following are the Convention appointments:

Credentials Committee.

Alice Cooper	180	Julia Jennings	264
Sue Stanwood	122	Laura Belle Walker	11
Mary Brown	4	Ida M. Smyth	17

Convention Secretary, Marie L. Basham	24
Convention Stenographer, Sue Browning	122
Convention Press Reporter, Anna M. Kistner	15
Assistant Press Reporter, Emma Gould	356
Assistant Press Reporter, May E. Jones.....	27
Assistant Press Reporter, Ida Van Hon	33
Pianist, Maud Whedon Smith	117
Platform Aide, Winifred Whedon.....	117
Assistant Platform Aide, Georgia Schwartzenbach	56
Assistant Platform Aide, Della Allander	62
Assistant Platform Aide, Bonita Brown	144

Conductors.

Anna Rebecca Willett	234	Alice M. Davis	283
Della L. Milliman	283	Lizzie Sturges	87
Gertrude Anderson	126	Annis L. Weighton.....	38

Color Bearers.

Jennie J. Green	250	Lula Belle Esher	153
Jennie Manbeck	24	Dawn Tullis	27

Guards.

Mary Hanson	37	Annie E. Brown	206
Abbie Hanley	314	Mattie Hedden	286
Ida Groves	34	Naomi Bradley	251

Ushers.

Anna Crocker	180	Mary Calfee	102
Ella Thomas	100	Laura Boyson	244
Clara Sheldon	108	Florence Davie	210
Postmistress, M. E. Minton			27

Additional appointments will be announced at Convention.

XXII. Department Officers are requested to forward their reports to the Department Secretary not later than June 1st, also return their badges if not expecting to attend Convention.

XXIII. Any one having bills against the Department, or Corps needing supplies, must order at once as the books of the Department Secretary and Treasurer will be closed May 20th, and remain closed until after Convention.

XXIV. Again Corps Chaplain are reminded to fill out Memorial Day blanks on form J, and forward to Department Chaplain, Nancy Clapp, Chariton, not later than June first.

XXV. Corps Patriotic Instructors will forward their annual report on form V to Lu L. Schrack, Department Patriotic Instructor, Parkersburg, not later than May 15th.

XXVI. Corps Press Correspondents will before May 15th forward their annual report on form X to Anna M. Kistner, Department Press Correspondent, Waterloo.

XXVII. Department Aides will forward the report of their year's work to Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Addie E. Unangst, Davenport, not later than June first. From these reports will be determined the Aide who is entitled to receive the gold recognition pin given for the greatest increase in membership through their efforts.

XXVIII. All resolutions and recommendations to be presented to the Convention for consideration must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than June first.

XXIX. That the members may have time for consideration and be able to vote intelligently, a synopsis is given of a resolution that will be presented at the Thirty-first Department Convention at Burlington, as follows:

To erect a memorial building at the Capital City in honor of the loyal women of the Civil War. It shall be a Civil War museum where can be preserved the war relics and afford a place for the collection and preservation of records and literature of both Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps, and be Headquarters for these organizations. Further information given at Convention.

XXXI Only one Corps has responded to the request for names of army nurses. Corps Presidents will please see that these names are forwarded at once.

XXXI. General Orders have been received from National and Department Headquarters—G. A. R. Also from Sons of Veterans, which are greatly appreciated at these Headquarters.

XXXII. Through the efforts of Rosa J. Terrill, Treasurer of No. 128, Woman's Relief Corps of Sigourney, a Sons of Veterans Camp of fifty-five membership has been organized in that city. We extend a cordial welcome to the new Camp. Let us hear of other Corps ladies becoming interested in this work.

XXXIII. National encampment Grand Army of the Republic will meet in the City of Detroit, Michigan, August 31st to September 5. Headquarters of the Department of Iowa G. A. R. and its Auxiliary, the W. R. C., will be at Hotel St. Claire. Headquarters of Woman's Relief Corps will be established in room No. 16, second floor.

Condition of the Department.

XXXIV. Consolidated reports to the National Secretary for the quarter ending March 31st, 1914, show the following:

Total number of Corps in good standing	202
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Number of Corps delinquent	0
Number of Corps disbanded	1
Number of Corps instituted	1
Number of members suspended	245
Loss of members by death	51
Total number of members in good standing	11689
Cash expended for relief	\$ 570.90
Estimated relief other than money	1,444.56
Total number of persons assisted	610

XXXV. We are gratified with the substantial growth in membership during the quarter. We are pleased to close the year's work with NO corps delinquent.

A buoyant spirit of activity and enthusiasm prevails which promises increased results in the coming weeks.

These earnest efforts of Corps members are gratefully appreciated; also generous contributions made to all funds by Corps.

XXXVI. The disbandment of Wm. D. Price, No. 321, Schaller, is reported. Owing to loss of members by deaths and removals the Corps regretfully surrendered its Charter.

XXXVII. We announce with pleasure the reorganization of James Welch W. R. C. No. 270, Orient. This Corps, instituted January 30th by Mary A. Tuttle, Junior Vice President, assumes its place in our ranks with enthusiastic co-operation.

Roll of Honor.

XXXVIII. Corps that have made a net gain of six or more during the quarter:

No.	Location.	Gain.	No.	Location.	Gain.
9.	Marshalltown	6	130.	Belle Plaine	6
15.	Waterloo	14	170.	Knoxville	6
32.	Centerville	9	171.	Marengo	7
33.	Mt. Pleasant	9	212.	Wilton Junction	11
37.	Dubuque	7	232.	Lohrville	6
38.	Audubon	12	254.	Lisbon	9
48.	Iowa Falls	6	257.	Monona	12
81.	Hampton	12	307.	Osage	27
83.	Waverly	8	355.	Columbus Junction	12
101.	Delhi	6	356.	Marshalltown	8
117.	Winterset	6			

We call special attention to the record of 307, Osage, which had 31 initiates this quarter.

XXXIX. Additional gifts to Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown:

Corps No.

32. Centerville, fruits, jellies

\$10.50

48.	Iowa Falls, jellies, cushions	4.00
55.	Rock Rapids, jellies, cushions	5.00
75.	Correctionville, gifts	15.65
109.	Williamsburg, gifts	10.00
130.	Belle Plaine, cushions, jellies	5.20
171.	Marengo, gifts	3.00
351.	Fairbank, box of canned fruit	10.00

Gifts to Orphans' Home, Davenport.

Corps No.

34.	Davenport, caps, gloves, mittens	\$ 5.81
48.	Iowa Falls, toys, ribbons	3.78
58.	Decorah, toys, books, games	6.00
122.	Muscatine, toys, ribbons, books	5.00
171.	Marengo, gifts	19.00
351.	Fairbank, cash	5.00

Contributions to Flag Fund.

Corps

No.	
78.	Iowa City
80.	Le Mars
26.	Cedar Falls
14.	Parkersburg
20.	Fort Dodge
15.	Waterloo
180.	Council Bluffs
72.	Mason City
154.	Indianola
138.	Monroe
27.	Des Moines
154.	Indianola
11.	Cedar Rapids

Corps

No.	
163.	Emmettsburg
87.	Sioux City
110.	Odebolt
117.	Winterset
90.	Brandon
62.	Burlington
102.	Osceola
17.	Chariton
58.	Decorah
4.	Wyoming
38.	Audubon
24.	Des Moines

Contributions to Southern Memorial Fund.

Corps

No.	
20.	Fort Dodge
245.	Akron
17.	Chariton
89.	Strawberry Point
69.	McGregor
60.	New Hampton
351.	Fairbank
163.	Emmettsburg

Corps

No.	
283.	Logan
277.	Garden Grove
37.	Dubuque
62.	Burlington
281.	Oelwein
33.	Mt. Pleasant
58.	Decorah
76.	Ft. Madison

307. Osage	1.00	227. Britt .....	.50
38. Audubon	1.00	72. Mason City	1.00
24. Des Moines	1.00	123. Waukon .....	.50
243. Fonda	1.00	261. Rockwell City	1.00
87. Sioux City	2.00	329. Dayton	2.00
4. Wyoming	1.00	180. Council Bluffs	1.00
278. Newell	1.00	104. Corning	1.00
138. Monroe	1.00	171. Marengo	1.00
130. Belle Plaine .....	.50	45. Washington	2.00

Contributions sent after April 25 will be reported in final report.

XL. Not previously designated, there have been mailed from this office to those entitled to receive them:

Quarterly Report Blanks for March.

1914 Department Rosters.

National Press Correspondent's Circular Letter No. 1.

National General Orders No. 6.

National General Orders No. 7.

National Chaplain's Circular Letter No. 1.

National Patriotic Instructor's Circular Letter No. 1.

National General Orders No. 8.

XLI. It is recommended from National Headquarters that W. R. C. members assist in commemorating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, by wearing a white carnation.

XLII. We desire to place in circulation the National and Department Journals that remain. Corps members can secure these free by sending postage for mailing. Fifteen cents for National and eight cents for Department Journals. Send in orders promptly.

XLIII. We understand the Grand Army Advocate expects to return to Iowa. We need an official paper. The Advocate has a plan to present.

XLIV. The matter of a proposed change in our flag has been agitated.

Old Glory is dear to every patriotic heart as it is. Its present construction of stars and stripes, with a star of equal magnitude and glory to represent each state in the Union, is typical of equity and justice, the true basis of a righteous nation. Corps will protest that it remain unchanged in its familiar beauty. There is no flag like our own red, white and blue.

XLV. Three copies of General Orders are sent Corps. One copy is for President, one for Secretary and one for Treasurer. Aides who fill these offices are not sent extra copies.

XLVI. In closing this, my last official communication, my heartfelt thanks are extended to the many Departments from which Gen-

eral Orders, and invitations to the various conventions and receptions have been received. To Department Commander J. W. Willett and especially to Assistant Adjutant General George A. Newman for many acts of kindness and services rendered the Woman's Relief Corps, we express our appreciation and thanks. I have only words of praise for my official family. All have been true and faithful and whatever of success has been attained has been through the loyal support of the officers. The many expressions of good will from the Corps have helped make the duties a great pleasure.

Your faithfulness in the past is the assurance of loyalty in the future.

By command of

MATTIE E. WITTER,

Department President.

ALICE COOPER,

Department Secretary.

Circular Letters

Headquarters Department of Iowa, W. R. C.,
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 30, 1913

TO CORPS PRESIDENTS:

I am sending greetings to your Corps, and request you to send me immediately, the name of a worthy member to be placed on the list of Aide appointments; one who will appreciate the honor and be willing to work for an increase of membership in our order. I would suggest to every member whenever possible, to inform all ladies of the admission of "Loyal Women" into our beloved Order.

Let us work together for this advancement, thereby honoring greatly the old veterans with a larger membership in their Auxiliary.

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

MATTIE E. WITTER,

Department President.

Headquarters of Dept. of Iowa W. R. C.,
Office of Department Inspector,
Independence, Iowa, August 12, 1913.

CIRCULAR LETTER .
No. 1

In accordance with our Rules and Regulations for inspection, the appointments have been made and the work of inspection must be completed during the months of September and October and November.

I earnestly wish that each inspector may attend at least one District Convention before doing her work.

Corps Presidents will please reply promptly to all communications from their inspectors and accept dates named by them if possible at all. The inspectors give of their time freely and you should comply with their pleasure. See to it that your books are audited and in proper shape for her to inspect. All Corps must pay the actual travelling expenses and entertain the inspector unless financially unable. Then the expense account must be sent to the Department Inspector for approval and will then be paid by the Department.

To Assistant Inspectors:— Having received your appointment as Assistant Inspector, it is your duty to become familiar with the latest ritual, service book and Rules and Regulations of our Order in order that you may be able to help, and with kindly advice, to inspire and benefit each member.

Give each Corps at least ten (10) or more days' notice and plan your route economically.

Inspect and place your signature upon the books of the Corps Secretary and Treasurer, and, if possible, plan to do this before the Corps meeting.

Pay particular attention to the floor work; observe the little things that make up the work and the standard of excellence; discourage all additions to the work; the beauty of our work is its simplicity.

If you have a weak Corps, give it special attention; endeavor to find some way of helping it that it may take on new life and energy.

Do not hurry your work; take time to perform the work, encourage the members to ask questions and make your inspection one of the best that the Corps ever had.

Fill out Inspection Blank Form O, and place on the margin the amount charged to each Corps for your expenses, according to Department Law.

Answer all questions fully and send one copy to the Department Inspector within ten (10) days after inspection.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

CARRIE I. NETCOTT.

Approved: Department Inspector.

MATTIE E. WITTER, Department President.

ALICE COOPER, Department Secretary.

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor, W. R. C.

Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Parkersburg, Iowa, January 10, 1914.

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 1

To Corps Patriotic Instructors:

You have been honored by your Corps President with the appointment to an office in your Corps which represents the greatest possibilities and responsibilities of any office in the glorious work of our Order. The Woman's Relief Corps was organized primarily to be of assistance and encouragement to the Grand Army of the Republic. This a noble band of true hearted women has striven to do during all the years of its existence. Our work has gradually broadened out year after year. We stood ready to help the soldier as he stood in the strength and vigor of his stalwart manhood; we stand ready to help him today as he is garnering in the sheaves of a well spent harvest of devotion to his country, his flag, his God. Our personal work for the old soldier is gradually lessening. Our brave boys are growing fewer in number each year, and soon we must add to our work the quota of labor which they have performed. We must in time become the leaders in the work of teaching patriotism, in keeping alive the principles for which these men fought, for which so many of them made of their lives a living sacrifice. Our work must develop along the lines of the teaching of patriotism to the youth of our land. We must teach them to become men who when the need comes will be willing to take up the world's battles for right, not only on the battlefields of blood and carnage but on the battlefields of right against wrong, of love against hate, of purity against vice. We must teach them love and reverence for the flag saved to them by men who waded through blood that its folds might not be smirched by foul treason or rebellion. Patriotism, true love for our flag and our country, implanted firmly in the hearts of our youth, will lift our country high above the menace

of traitors at home or abroad. Let us make the teaching of patriotism the keynote of our lives. Let us make our boys such men as will be willing to sacrifice their lives if need be for the safety and purity of our nation. Our soldiers, their example in patriotism, led by the great and noble Lincoln, carried our flag through a bloody and cruel war to a noble and illustrious victory.

Let us teach the observance of our national anniversaries. Let us teach them to honor the virtues of the noble men, whose birthdays we celebrate, chiefest among them the birthday of our own beloved Lincoln. The life of Lincoln appeals most to the Woman's Relief Corps. His deeds mean more to us, come closer home to our hearts, than those of others of our country's heroes. He was chief of the grand army. He was the leader who carried in his heart the woes and sorrows of a burdened nation. He was the hero who, under God's guidance, brought our army through the shadows of that dark and dreadful struggle into the light of a glorious victory.

Let us this year make the observance of Lincoln's birthday our highest achievement. Teach the children in our schools of the greatness and nobility of this character. Teach them that in learning of Lincoln, his life and his nobleness, they are learning lessons in true patriotism, in true manhood. Let us make a special effort to have a Lincoln's birthday program given in every school in our state this year. Let February 12th be patriotism day, and let each child do something this year to honor the noble character of our martyred president.

Visit the schools in your vicinity and interest the teachers in the observance of our national anniversaries. First comes McKinley's birthday, January 29th; then Lincoln's birthday, February 12th; Washington's birthday, February 22d; Grant's birthday, April 27th; Peace and Arbitration Day, May 18th; Memorial Day, May 30th; Flag Day, June 14th; Independence Day, July 4th, and Citizens' Sunday, the first Sunday in October. See that the schools are supplied with oleographs of the history of the flag, with Declaration of Independence charts and patriotic primers. See that each school has a flag and that the pupils are taught the proper salute to old glory. Furnish them with literature where needed. The printed salute to the flag is for free distribution, and the National Treasurer has patriotic selections for sale for the mere cost of the printing. Visit the schools personally. Let the pupils know that you are interested in them and let them know that the Woman's Relief Corps is interested in teaching patriotism and reverence for the flag.

If there is a school where Lincoln's birthday is not observed, suggest to them a program and see that as many members of your Corps as possible attend the exercises. If it is practicable present each child with a tiny silk flag, a Perry picture of Lincoln or a Lincoln button.

Patriotic contests in the schools will excite interest. Prizes offered for the best essay on the history of our flag are a means of promoting education along this line.

See that flag day is observed by every member of your Corps. Let each Relief Corps woman put out her own flag and suggest to her friends to do the same. Let old glory wave on this one day of the year to show our soldiers that we do not forget the sacrifice they made that our flag may float unstained and untrammelled.

We have a little observed decision, p. 105 Red Book, that Humane Teaching and Peace and Arbitration shall be considered patriotic instruction or education. Literature along these lines may be obtained from American Humane Society, 45 Milk St., Boston, Mass.

We have new laws on our statute books in regard to placing flags on school houses, also a new law to prevent desecration of the flag. When you visit the schools, explain these laws where they are not thoroughly understood. Be ready with suggestions as to how these flags may be obtained if they are not already furnished by the school board. The following is a suggestion for a Lincoln's Day program:

Reading from The Perfect Tribute.

Song, The Star Spangled Banner.

Recitation.

Song.

Lincoln's Boyhood Days.

Lincoln as a President.

Lincoln as Commander-in-chief of the Army.

Song.

I have prepared a synopsis of The Perfect Tribute and am sending it to you with this, hoping it may be of help to you in putting out this program which I have suggested. If it is not used in the program can you not have it read for good of the Order at your meeting nearest to this date?

Later the report blanks will be sent you. These should be made up to represent the work along patriotic lines done by your Corps since last Department Convention. One copy of this report is filed by you and the other sent by your Corps President to Department Patriotic Instructor. It is necessary that Corps Patriotic Instructors be prompt in making out these reports as the work of the Department for the year is tabulated from them for the Department Convention, and is a very important part of our work.

In conclusion, let me urge you to earnest work in your office this year. This work is our stronghold; it is the rung of the ladder upon which the Woman's Relief Corps may stand and sway the pendulum of the public mind toward purity in political government, in affairs of state, in the world's work.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

LU L. SCHRACK,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Approved:

MATTIE E. WITTER, Department President.

ALICE COOPER, Department Secretary.

THE PERFECT TRIBUTE.

The story of The Perfect Tribute deals with Lincoln upon the occasion of the dedication of a portion of the battlefield of Gettysburg as a last resting place for the men who had fallen in battle there.

On the morning of November 18, 1863, a special train drew out from Washington, carrying a distinguished company. These were the men of note from the capital going to the battlefield of Gettysburg. In their midst, as they stood about the car before settling for the journey, towered a sad man, preoccupied, unassuming; a man awkward and ill-dressed; a man as he leaned slouchingly against the wall, of no grace of look or manner, in whose haggard face seemed to be the suffering of the sins of the world. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, journeyed with his party to assist at the consecration the next day of the national cemetery at Gettysburg.

The journey was made without interruption and Lincoln sat mostly in silence thinking of the morrow and of the words that he must say, the words a waiting nation would expect from their president.

The morrow came, and Edward Everett, the orator for the occasion, thrilled his audience for two hours with words that have taken a place in literature. When Lincoln rose to make his speech his appearance made a ghastly impression on the vast audience. The president understood, but he had something to say to them; what did it matter about him or his voice?

"Four score and seven years ago," spoke the President, "our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any other nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

There was no sound from the vast, silent assembly. They gave him no applause and Lincoln felt that his speech, as he had feared, had been a failure. The disappointment of it cut into his soul.

The special train returned to Washington in the night. There was no rest for this man at the wheel of the nation the next day. He felt sorely in need of air and left the White House alone for a walk. He was met at the corner by a lad of fifteen years who stumbled against him and whom Lincoln saw was in tears. The lad was in search of a lawyer to make the will of his dying brother in the prison hospital, a captain in the confederate army. Lincoln promised to aid him and accompanied him to the bedside of his brother. The young man, almost a boy, too, lay like a white shadow on his pillow, gasping for breath. Lincoln told him his name, and that he was a Yankee. The

simple will was drawn and Lincoln rose to take his leave. The confederate captain urged him to stay, he wanted to talk to him about his namesake, the man who made the speech at Gettysburg the day before. He said, "I'm Southern to the core of me, I believe with my soul in the cause I've fought for, but that President of yours is a remarkable man; he yesterday made one of the greatest speeches of history." "What?" demanded Lincoln. "I know what I'm talking about. My father was a speaker; I've been brought up on oratory. I know a speech when I see it." Then the lad told Lincoln what Senator Warrington, who had been in Gettysburg the day before, had said of the speech. "He said that the speech went home to the hearts of all those thousands of people so that when it was ended it was as if the whole audience held its breath—there was not a hand lifted to applaud. One might as well applaud the Lord's Prayer—it would have been sacrilege. And they all felt it—down to the lowest. There was a long minute of reverent silence, no sound from all that great throng—it seems to me, an enemy, that it was the most perfect tribute that has ever been paid by any people to any orator. It will live, that speech. Fifty years from now American schoolboys will be learning it as a part of their education. It is not merely my opinion; the whole country is ringing with it." The soldier insisted on Lincoln's hearing the speech read. The impetuous Southerner went on: "Of course it's all wrong from my point of view. The thought which underlies it is warped, yet that doesn't alter my admiration of the man and his words. I'd like to put my hand in his before I die, and I'd like to tell him that I know that what we're all fighting for, the best of us, is the right of the thing as we see it." And he died with the hand of Lincoln in his. And Lincoln knew.

Headquarters Department of Iowa, W. R. C.
Office Department Chaplain
Chariton, Feb. 10, 1914.

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 1

To Corps Chaplains—Greetings:—

Another year is flitting away and we will be brought to the time of Memorial Day. O! not in vain our martyrs sighed and not in vain our heroes died. Leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither at the north winds' breath and stars to set. Thou hast all seasons for time, O! Death. Cover them over with flowers and leave them to rest with memorial honors over their breasts.

I sincerely desire a roll of honor in which every Corps will be represented. It will include all reports received on or before June 5th. Be very careful to give exact number of graves decorated and number of members of our Order who have passed away since last Memorial Day. I do pray for and beseech for a perfect co-operation with every one of my Corps Chaplains that the reports may be correct and without delay forwarded to me by June 1.

Lovingly in F. ,C. and L.,

NANCY CLAPP,

Department Chaplain.

Approved:

MATTIE E. WITTER,

Department President.

Alice COOPER,

Department Secretary.

Office of Department Press Correspondent, W. R. C.,
326 W. Third Ave. Waterloo, Iowa, April 20, 1914.

CIRCULAR LETTER

No. 1.

To Corps Presidents and Press Correspondents:

Greeting:

Find enclosed two copies of Press Correspondents' blanks. Corps Presidents will see that the blanks are filled out by your Press Correspondent and return promptly one copy to Department Press Correspondent's office not later than June 1, 1914 (enclosed find addressed envelope for return of blanks to this office); and file one copy with your Secretary for future reference.

I trust that every Press Correspondent will send a complete record on Form X, of all work performed by your Corps from June 1, 1913. Please make full report so your Corps may stand accredited in my report to the Department President, which must be filed at our Department Headquarters.

If there is anything you fail to understand about the press blanks, write me at once for information.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.,

ANNA M. KISTNER,

Department Editress and Press Correspondent.

Approved:

MATTIE E. WITTER,
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